

## DEMANDS BY NAVAL DOCKYARD WORKERS

### Increased allowances, other benefits wanted

## DAIRY FARM DEADLOCK

The latest development in the labour situation yesterday was the presentation of a demand from the Royal Naval Dockyard workers for increased allowances and benefits.

The demand was conveyed in a letter to the Commodore Superintendent of the Royal Naval Dockyard asking, among other things, for extra allowances to meet present increased cost of living.

## Miniature Berlin blockade

Berlin, January 25.  
A mile of German road borders, quashed this afternoon on the East side of the Anglo-Soviet zone border, delayed by "no show" trucks of Soviet officials.

Another 120 on the Western side waited then turn for the newly imposed check-up at the Helmsdorf control point.

At the 100-foot-long road crossing point traffic had dropped to about 10 per cent of the usual rate.

Altogether 20 trucks had passed in both directions there in 24 hours, compared with 200 to 250 normally.

The Soviet licensed "Berliner Zeitung" in Berlin paper in comment on the hold-up, said that they were protesting "the German Democratic Republic and Berlin from being plundered by the West."

The paper added that complaints were "simply aimed at creating tension and disorder."

Under Press adds that a United States military convoy passed through the Soviet checkpoint at Helmsdorf without incident today.

The Russian made no move to interfere with the Soviet convoy, guarded by seven military policemen on motor cycles as it rolled into Soviet territory. However, 200 German trucks waiting to pass through the Soviet checkpoint remained stranded on the Western side of the road border by the six-day old Soviet slowdown.

The convoy, carrying supplies to the American garrison in Berlin, was the first to challenge the miniature blockade. It spent the night in the British zone about 10 miles from the frontier and pulled into the American checkpoint on the 100-foot bridge before 8 a.m.—Reuters and United Press.

## RITA, BABY OFF FOR CHALET

Lausanne, Switzerland, January 26.

Rita Hayworth and her baby, Princess Yasmín, left the Pontichois Clinic today for Prince Ali Khan's chalet at Gstaad. It was Yasmín's first venture into the outside world since she was born 28 days ago and she slept throughout the experience unaware that she was dodging newspapermen and photographers.—United Press.

## The Weather

At 0000 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) a trough of low pressure runs parallel to the S coast of Japan to a small depression 200 miles SW of Kyushu and thence to N Taiwan and China. Pressure is high over Central China, with a ridge extending Eastwards across the Yellow Sea and Korea.  
Today's Forecast—Light or moderate ESE winds, partly cloudy.  
Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 72.8 deg. Fah. Minimum 61.5 deg. Fah. Sunshine 4 1/2 hours.  
Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—23.0 mm (0.91 in.) as against an average of 26.7 mm (1.05 in.)  
Readings at 10 a.m.—1019.0 mb. Bar. at m.s.l.—1019.0 mb. Equal to 20.09 in. Hg. Rel. Humidity 58. Wind S.W. at 10 kts. Wind Direction 120 deg. Wind Force 2. Wind Speed 10 kts.

The letter was signed by three persons who said they were representatives of "the Committee for the Improvement in the Treatment of Naval Dockyard Workers." The signatories asked for an appointment with the Commodore Superintendent of the Royal Naval Dockyard to discuss the demands submitted.

The Dockyard authorities said they would in due course meet the workers to discuss their demands. In an official statement yesterday the Royal Naval Dockyard authorities said:

"The management of H.M. Naval Dockyard Hong Kong, has received today a letter signed by three of its employees who claimed to be representatives of a committee, described as The Committee for the Improvement in the Treatment of Naval Dockyard Workers."

"The letter contained a request for a meeting with the Commodore Superintendent to discuss a number of demands, which include payment of increased allowances."

## Joint resolution

The signatories to the letter will be received by the Commodore Superintendent at an early date.

The action taken by the Royal Naval Dockyard workers, who number more than 5,000, was in implementation of a joint resolution passed by workers of the four big dockyards in the Colony last week, to hand in a demand for an extra \$3-a-week special allowance in line with the utility workers.

The Royal Naval Dockyard workers took the initiative in this action. Workers of the other three dockyards, the Taikoo Dockyard, the Kowloon Dockyard and the Cosmopolitan Dockyard, had not, as yet, presented any demands on their managements.

Contacted by the "China Mail" last night, workers at these dockyards, who number more than 3,000, said their demands, which were identical to those of the Royal Naval Dockyard workers, would be presented in the course of the next few days.

The action taken by the dockyard workers, at a time when similar demands made by other workers had been turned down, has been conceived as a gesture to bolster up the overall attempt of labour to obtain an increase of pay while a decision has not yet been reached as to whether such increase was justified or not.

Meanwhile, the dispute between the workers of the Dairy Farm Company and the management was yesterday still stalemated on the inability to reach agreement on the appointment of an arbitrator acceptable to both parties.

## Resentment

The refusal of the management to accept the workers' nominee, Mr. Ken Baker, as sole arbitrator, was received by the workers with resentment. They said they regarded it as a deliberate attempt by the management to delay the matter as to who should and who should not arbitrate in the dispute.

The Dairy Farm workers' representatives, who interviewed the management yesterday, were told to consult the Commissioner of Labour. The management was said to have told the workers that the nomination of alternative candidates as arbitrators, other than a Supreme Court Judge, was a sincere attempt on their part to achieve agreement.

The workers' representatives will interview the Commissioner of Labour today to seek his advice as to whether the three nominees of the management—Colonel L. T. Ride, Professor R. Robertson, and Mr. W. J. Carrie—were persons likely to give them a fair deal in the dispute.

On the tramway front no development was reported on either side.

Increasing signs of public restlessness and dissatisfaction over the stoppage of the tram service however, was evidenced by the large number of letters sent to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce by members of the public.

Due to the large number of requests from members and non-members for intervention by the Chamber to get the tram running again, a special committee meeting was held yesterday afternoon, at which it was resolved that the Tramway Company should be approached again, in the name of the public, to resume the service.

Stoppage of the service was causing a big loss of business to business firms, and the matter was aggravated by the approach of the Chinese New Year, which meant still greater loss to the mercantile community, writers to the Chamber complained.

Leaving aside commercial interests, speakers at the meeting stated, the greatest sufferers were people who had to walk to or from town, more particularly school children, who had to walk to and from school.

Why should members of the public be victimised in this way, speakers asked. They alleged the Government has not even replied to the Chamber's request for mediation, not in the settlement of the dispute, but to get the service running again in the public interest.

## No action

This, speakers said meant the Government intends to take no action whatever, and it was incumbent on the Chamber, not merely representing commercial interests, but the interests of the public, to do something.

It was eventually resolved that further representations should be made to the Tramway Company, and either a letter will be sent to the Tramway Company, or a deputation from the Chamber will call on the General Manager of the Tramway Company on Saturday to see what can be done to break the present stalemate.

The Chamber made it clear that its action has not been any way motivated by any desire to help either party in the dispute. The merits or demerits of the dispute could be settled later on, it pointed out, but the first consideration is the public, and their rights and their convenience should not be subordinated to the whims of parties who want to fight it out on a matter of principle or anything else.

A plea for a resumption of the tram service was also made by workers of the Hong Kong Electric Company, the China Light and Power Company, the Hong Kong Telephone Company, the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, and the Hong Kong Tramways Limited.

They accused the Commissioner of Labour of not doing anything in the matter. His inaction, they charged, was nothing more than helping the Tramway management to prolong the dispute at the expense and inconvenience of the general public.

The tramway workers, it was pointed out, had intimated their willingness to resume work and let a decision on their demand be reached later, but this has apparently been ignored. The resumption of a public utility service so essential to the community, has therefore been prolonged.

## Danish Queen visits her Swedish family



Queen Ingrid of Denmark visited her family in Stockholm, Sweden, recently. Her daughters, Anne-Marie and Benedikte, greatly enjoyed the visit to their Grandfather, Crown Prince Gustav of Sweden, who reads fairy stories to them. Queen Ingrid looks on. (A. P. Photo).

## India proclaimed a Republic

New Delhi, January 26.

India's last Governor-General, Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, breaking a 92-year-old link with the British Crown, today proclaimed his country a republic.

At a simple, solemn ceremony in Durbar Hall, Government House, here, 65-year-old Dr. Rajendra Prasad was sworn in as the Republic's first president.

A mighty cheer rose from the throats of the tens of thousands of people watching as the presidential flag went slowly to the masthead above Government House.

The cheer was echoed throughout the city as guns boomed and sirens shrieked a salute to the new state, whose official name will be Bharat. India's 320,000,000 people were seeing their new constitution come into force exactly 20 years after declaring Gandhi's inspiration, to attain independence.

The Chief Justice, Sir Karilal Karla, administered the oath of office to the new president in the presence of foreign diplomats in full dress, splendidly robed Indian princes and Indian politicians in their formal Congress uniforms.

Dr. Prasad took the oath in Hindi, in a brief address both in Hindi and English, he said India's administration would now be directed by its people and for its people. "This country has great natural resources and now there has come to it a great opportunity to make the vast population happy and prosperous, and to make its own contribution to the establishment of peace in the world," he declared.

## Ties of friendship

"We want to live on terms of friendship with all other countries," he continued. Our object is to achieve all-round progress in our own country. Our programme is to get rid of disease, poverty and ignorance. The President, who was one of Mahatma Gandhi's closest associates, had paid a 15-minute homageto to the "Father of the Nation," at the Rajghat, cremation plot before he assumed office.

The 500 guests at the ceremony in Durbar Hall included Dr. Achmed Soekarno, President of Indonesia and Madame Soekarno. They sat immediately to the right of the President, in red and gold chairs, which was flanked on both sides by the Indian Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

The White Ensign came down the flagpoles of Indian naval vessels and shore establishments in Bombay and other ports today to the tune of "God Save the King," as the Indian Navy shed its "royal" title.

The new Indian naval ensign was hoisted to the accompaniment of the Indian National Anthem. Indian naval men took the new oath of loyalty but British officers were exempted from it.

In Colombo, Generous tributes to India on its becoming a republic were paid at a plenary session today of the Asian regional conference of the International Labour Organisation.

Sir Githulhene Myrdal, Swedish Government delegate, speaking on behalf of the conference, said that as India was one of the founder members of the ILO it was fitting that the ILO should greet India on this day and occasion.

## Warm wishes

"I am certain that as India moves forward today to fulfil her mission in the world," he said, "she carried with her the warmest wishes of the Government and people of the United Kingdom without exception and without reserve."

"The association of India with the United Kingdom has been long and not always happy. Memories of the past might have embittered hopes for the future. But in a situation of great delicacy the genius and goodwill of statesmen from all parts of the Commonwealth of which, to our pride, India of her own free will remains a member, fashioned a new form of association which not only gives satisfaction to the national aspirations of India but enables her and other members of the Commonwealth to work together even more closely."

## Cairo celebration

In Cairo, Indians celebrated India's proclamation as a republic with a flag hoisting ceremony at the Indian Embassy. A crowd of several hundreds in their colourful national costumes stood silent in the Embassy grounds overlooking the Nile and watched their flag rise.

The former Egyptian Premier, Hussein Sirry Pasha, attended the ceremony on behalf of King Farouk, together with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed Salim El Din Boy, the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, other diplomats and the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Azam Pasha.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, in a message to the Indian Ambassador, sent "brotherly wishes and congratulations to our great friend on the birth of a republican regime."

"Since the end of the first world war the world has fraternised with the movement for Indian independence and therefore we have a right to be happiest when India has achieved her sovereignty and independence," he said.

## WESTERLING'S TROOPS IN JAKARTA BATTLE

Jakarta, January 26.  
Renegade Dutch Captain Paul Westerling's irregulars fought a two-hour street battle today with the Indonesian Republican army in the heart of Jakarta before withdrawing under withering machine gun fire.

First reports said at least seven were killed and "many" wounded in the bitter raid led by deserters of the Dutch colonial army.

The surprise attack was apparently aimed at seizing government buildings, but after being beaten back in the early stages of the fight the reinforced Republican guards swarmed all over the rebels.

Eye witnesses said the attackers wore red caps, which are regimental colours of a Dutch parachute unit here. Several were disarmed and taken into custody by the Indonesians, witnesses said.

The fight was confined to the area around Ploer Baru, side of government military headquarters buildings. When it ended Republican soldiers began placing barbed wire and sandbag barricades around the Defence Ministry and other government buildings. Republican officers made a house to house search for rebels who might be hiding out in the city.

The Minister of Defence, the Sultan of Jogjakarta, announced the reorganisation of the Netherlands Indies army into an army of the United States of Indonesia, effective from today. He said the amalgamation would be completed in six months and he asked all Republican soldiers including those who fought with Captain Westerling in Monday's attack on Bandung in West Java to join the new army.

"The recent events in Bandung have not changed the government's standpoint," the Sultan said. "Indonesian members of the Netherlands Indies army will be received with open arms if they are prepared to contribute loyally their energies and abilities to the United States of Indonesia forces."

## Contact established

A government communiqué said Republican units established contact with Captain Westerling's forces at Tjandjur, West of Bandung along the Jakarta-Bandung railway. The situation in Bandung itself was quiet.

In a new Westerling raid, Dutch sources said a unit of his force engaged Republican troops in a fierce skirmish at Tjandjur and retired only after suffering losses. Neutral observers believed this may have been the action referred to in the communiqué.

Dutch sources said the raid was made on Tuesday night by an irregular band led by J. S. van der Meulen, a former police inspector. They said the irregulars entered the town on four trucks and were well armed with heavy machine guns. But after a heavy exchange of fire their vehicles were put out of action and Westerling's men retreated on foot Northward into the hills.

Van der Meulen, these Dutch sources said, apparently intended to drive into Tjandjur to pick up a group of elite guards, who were to desert and join Westerling's forces that same night.

In Jakarta, the government clamped down an even tighter curfew—from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. cinema houses put out notices saying they would show films tonight. Restaurants and hotels urged guests to dine earlier than usual tonight.

Only four streets from the scene of today's Jakarta fighting, the Indonesian Premier, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, said four other Cabinet members addressed a large Indian audience celebrating the birth of the Indian Republic at the opera house.

Premier Hatta thanked Indians for helping Indonesia in its own struggle for independence and wished the government and people of India prosperity.—United Press.

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## Large-scale fighting in W. Java seen

(By ARNOLD BRACKMAN)

Somewhere in West Java, January 26.  
Captain Paul Westerling, renegade Dutch leader, predicted today in an exclusive interview that large-scale fighting would break out soon in West Java.

Westerling, whose supporters have disturbed the short-lived peace since the establishment of the United States of Indonesia, met this correspondent "somewhere in West Java" to tell his version of the violence.

"Large-scale fighting will break out soon in West Java," he said. "I don't think it will last long—about three months. I know I am going to win. I am not trying to set myself up as a warlord. I am only trying to form my own government."

"I am only trying to help the people. I am trying to remove the Japanese influence from the TNI (Republican army). I have tried everything I could to avoid them but it is not possible to avoid them because the Republican army is still operating under the Japanese mentality. The Republican army terrorises the people."

Westerling was dressed in civilian clothes. He wore brown street shoes, brown socks, a white polo shirt and khaki pants. He was not armed while receiving me for the interview. He is a barrel-chested man with black hair and blue-black eyes and a dark complexion. He wore a gold wrist watch and a gold ring with a black onyx stone on his left hand.

Westerling, of Dutch and Turkish parents, spoke fluent English with only a slight trace of Dutch. He expressed desire to return to Turkey when "everything is okay over here."

When Westerling was asked about the background of the recent out-breaks of fighting, he replied "Four days after the transfer for sovereignty on December 17 from Holland to the United States of Indonesia I held conversations with Republican army officers. We agreed to work together to maintain law and order in West Java."

"I kept my word. I tried to work with the Republican army. They tried to create trouble by arresting people. Day after day the situation got worse until I sent a note of warning to them to recognise my forces."

"It was not an ultimatum but a warning. I gave the date of January 12 and later extended it by the request of the United Nations military observers to February 12. I said I did not want to be responsible for what happened after that date."

## A Warning

"I have tried everything I could to avoid clashes. But large-scale fighting will now break out."

break out. Bandeng is not exactly a demonstration but a warning to show Republican army where things stand. Westerling insisted his only ultimate goal was to purge the public army of its "Japanese influence" and help to create a stable army for the United States of Indonesia. He said "Eighty per cent of the people do not want a Republican army. They want a United States of Indonesia army but are afraid to tell the truth because they are terrorized." (The Republican army until Thursday was one of the fighting forces in Indonesia before the creation of the U.S.I. As of Thursday the Republican army and the Royal Dutch Netherlands Indies army were formally amalgamated into a U.S.I. army.)

## Good Influences

Westerling went on: "There exist good influences in the Republican army and I am sure that my men, together with these Republican influences, can clean out the bad elements. If the Republican army is willing to work on a U.S.I. basis—rather than the Jogjakarta Republican basis—I am willing to help them." "Do you think your men are good?" he asked. "Yes, I think your men have endangered the Dutch community and interests in Indonesia?" He snapped back quickly: "Sure—if I lose. But I am sure I won't lose. I have popular backing. I am willing to negotiate at any time providing the negotiations are carried out in a reasonable way. I do not represent the Dutch people but I do represent Indonesians. That is where the Republicans make their mistake in accusing me of representing Dutch interests. I have never fought against the interests of the Indonesian people and I will not stand idly by watching a small clique dominate a free Indonesia."

Westerling denied he was plotting with the extremist Islamic Darul group to form an Islamic State in West Java. He said "I would not support the formation of an Islamic State against the United States of Indonesia. That is not my purpose. There is no direct link between my men and the Darul group. But there are some Darul battalions who understand my goal and that is why a few Darul battalions are under my command today."—United Press.

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Education director  
receives scroll

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CBE, with a scroll yesterday.

The presentation was made as a token of their  
appreciation of the work the Director has  
done in assisting the development of education  
at Aberdeen.

The presentation was made  
at Telephone House, Leighton  
Hill Road.

Mr. Rowell thanked the re-  
presentatives for the gift. He said  
that it was gratifying and en-  
couraging to him. He said that  
progress is certain to be made  
where the leaders of a com-  
munity take such deep interest in  
local educational matters as the  
Aberdeen kaifong have taken.

He added: "You are also sup-  
porting and helping in a drive  
to gain sufficient funds to erect  
a new primary school in Aber-  
deen. I will do my best to obtain  
Government assistance on a dol-  
lar for dollar basis."

"It is such co-operation be-  
tween local communities and  
Government which brings out  
the best in education and ensures  
that the people of the community  
continue to interest themselves in  
the work even after their school  
has been built."

"This is evident at Un Lok  
where the kaifong and Govern-  
ment contributed equally to the  
building of a very fine school.  
Again, several villages in Lam  
Chuen Valley have also con-  
tributed in a similar way to the  
erection of a new school and  
spurred on by these and your  
efforts I hope that such schemes  
will become more frequent."

"It is 50 years ago since Gov-  
ernment first established a school  
in Aberdeen but for some reason  
it did not continue for any length  
of time."

Present plans

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Trade School to which children  
can go, instead of Primary 5 and  
Primary 6, where they would get  
occupational training suited to  
the needs of the district."

"This is not to say that pro-  
vision would not be made for  
those children who would bene-  
fit from it to proceed to higher  
primary and junior middle  
schools."

"I am very glad indeed that  
you should have come to see me  
this morning as I am convinced  
that where there is mutual in-  
terest and mutual trust between  
the leaders of a community and  
those sections of Government  
which are vitally concerned in  
their well-being, the greatest re-  
sults for the betterment of your  
community will be produced."

"Your local experience and my  
Department's professional know-  
ledge when applied together, each  
of us having the same ends in  
view, will result in obtaining for  
the children of Aberdeen an un-  
biased and liberal education."

"For myself, I thank you very  
much for this scroll which will  
always remind me of the help  
and co-operation which I have  
received from Aberdeen."

HKDF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride,  
CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong  
Kong Defence Force, dated Janu-  
ary 26, 1950:

IN THE SUPREME  
COURT OF  
HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF HARRY  
HENRY BLYTH late of  
No. 448 King's Road, 2nd  
floor in the Colony of  
Hongkong Engineer de-  
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has by virtue  
of Section 58 of the Probates  
Ordinance 1897, made an  
Order limiting the time for  
creditors and others to send  
in their claims against the  
above estate to the 16th day  
of February 1950.

All Creditors and others are  
accordingly hereby required to  
send their claims to the under-  
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 19th day of  
January 1950.

A. C. ARCULLI

Solicitor for the Ad-  
ministrators of the  
estate of the said  
deceased.

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Hongkong.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that  
an Extraordinary General Meet-  
ing of the Shareholders of the  
Company will be held at the  
Registered Office of the Com-  
pany, 218/219 Queen's Build-  
ing, Hong Kong at 11.00 a.m.  
on Friday, 10th February, 1950  
for the purpose of considering  
and if thought fit passing the  
following Resolution as an Or-  
dinary Resolution:

"That the authorised capital  
of the Company be in-  
creased from the present  
capital of \$2,000,000 divided  
into 2,000,000 shares of  
\$1.00 each to \$5,000,000 by  
the creation of 3,000,000  
additional shares of the  
nominal value of \$1.00  
each."

By Order of the Board of  
Directors.

WHELOCK MARDEN  
& COMPANY, LIMITED,  
Secretaries &  
General Managers.

Hong Kong, January 25, 1950.

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LIBERTY

NEXT CHANGE

RAVES! RAVES! RAVES!

GARY GRANT  
IMMENSE!

BOB HOPE  
HAPPINESS LOADED!

MARIA MONTEZ  
HILARIOUS!

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE  
By Shepard Barclay

MANUFACTURING CARDS  
WOULDN'T it be swell if you  
were permitted to manufacture  
or print your own cards during  
the game, producing an extra  
trick-taker beyond those dealt  
out? That, in effect, is what you  
do when you create a No Trump  
game contract on a certain type  
of deal to be placed in the cor-  
rect hand, so that the opening  
lead will not be through a vital  
stopper. Everybody knows how  
that applies when you have a  
guarded king in an unbid suit.  
It is true likewise if you have  
opposite an adequately protected  
queen. These can constitute  
either one or two stoppers, de-  
pendent on which partner is the  
declarer.

S K Q J 3  
H A Q 7 6  
D K 8  
C Q 6 2

S 4 4 3 2  
H A 9 8 7  
D A 9 8 7  
C J 3

(Dealer:  
vulnerable).

North East South West  
1. 1 S Pass 2 D Pass  
2. 1 H Pass 2 S Pass  
3. 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
4. 2 S Pass 2 D Pass  
5. 2 H Pass 2 NT Pass

Notice how South at Table 1  
refrained from bidding 2-No  
Trump on his second turn, and  
instead merely expressed a pro-  
ference for spades, when strong

enough for the other bid. Why  
did he do that? Solely because  
his lone stopper in the unbid club  
suit was the A. If his hand had  
possessed equal strength, with  
the guarded K as a club stopper,  
he would have bid the No Trump.  
South's hope was that North,  
with some kind of secondary club  
stopper, perhaps the Q, could bid  
No Trump, which he did. As a  
reward, South enabled North to  
make a game. The club 10 was  
led, the J going on and the Q  
winning. After South gave up a  
diamond trick to the A, the club  
return found that suit still stop-  
ped by the A. So four tricks in  
diamonds, two in clubs and  
three in hearts produced a game.  
At the other table, where South  
bid No Trump, the club J  
lead trapped the Q, leaving South  
only one stopper in the suit. So,  
when he lost a trick to the dia-  
mond A, the defenders beat him  
in a hurry, with four tricks in  
clubs, plus the diamond A and  
spade A.

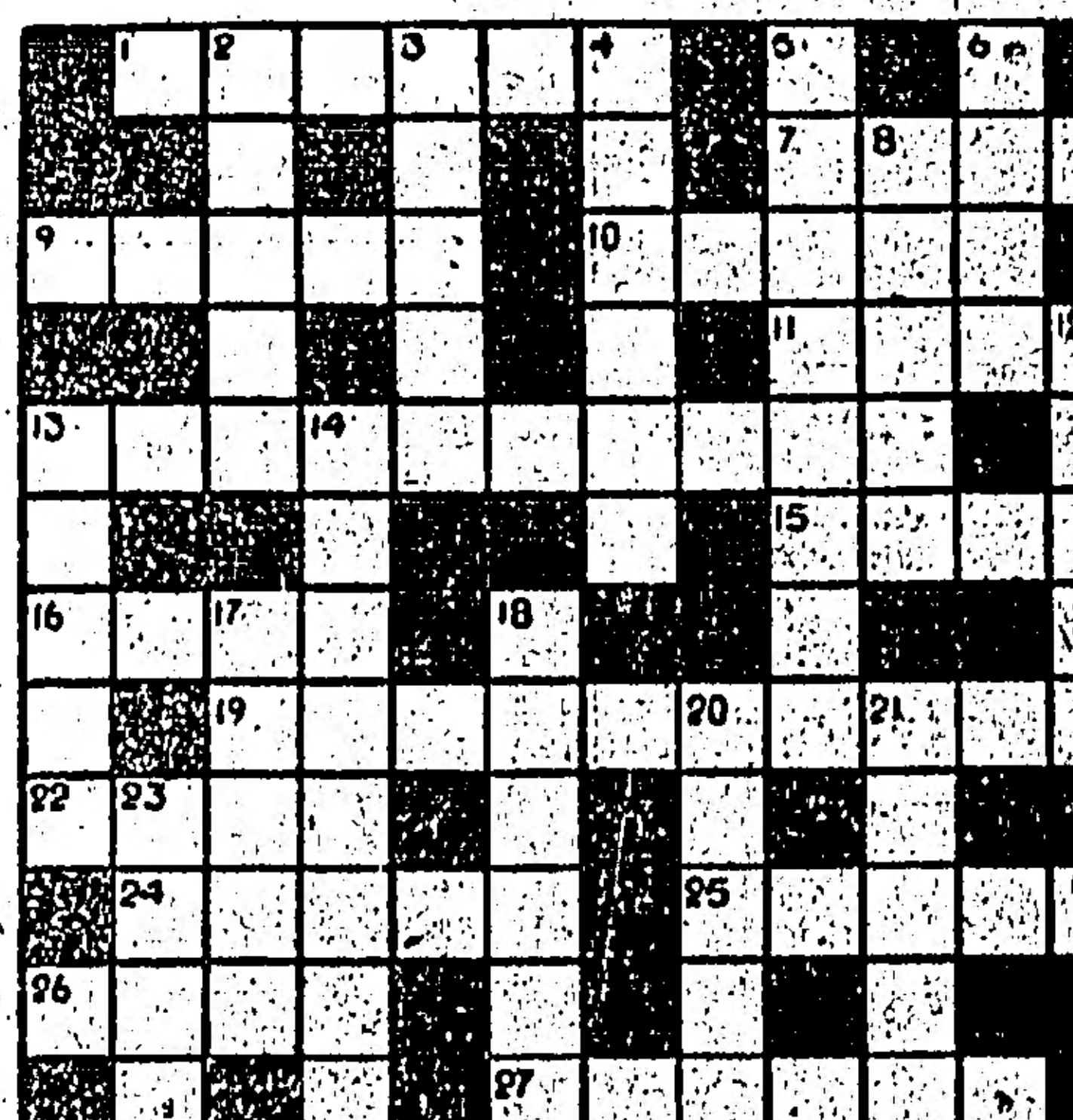
Tomorrow's Problem  
S 8 8 7 6 5 4  
H J 6  
D J 8 7  
C 3 2

S 10  
H Q 10 8 7  
D 10 9 4 3  
C A 6 5

(Dealer:  
South. East-West vul-  
nerable).

How should South play for his  
5-Diamonds if a heart is led to  
the K and the A then led down?

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across  
1 Usual prac-  
tice.  
7 Wind in-  
strument.  
9 Commerce.  
10 Additional.  
11 Bird.  
13 Not ad-  
vanced.  
15 In addition.  
16 Quantity of.  
17 Paper.  
19 Trust.  
20 Entrance.  
24 Get up.  
25 Brink.  
26 Volcano.  
27 Affectionate.  
28 Yesterdays' Crossword  
ACROSS: 1. Glance, 4. Brick, 7.  
Invest, 8. Minus, 10. Arch, 12. Fur-  
post, 15. Augur, 16. Over, 17. Fate,  
19. Rins, 20. Seethed, 21. Erre, 22.  
Signs, 24. Kimono, 25. Close, 26.  
Recess.

Down  
2 Treatment  
3 Subject  
4 Burns.  
5 Reduce in.  
6 Intensely.  
8 Grain.  
9 Girl's name.  
12 Run away.  
13 Sinned.  
14 Com-  
memorative  
statue.  
17 Fruit of the  
tree.  
18 Bring about.  
20 Couch.  
21 Tend in.  
22 Invalid.  
23 Imprecation.  
24 Yesterdays' Crossword  
DOWN: 1. Glance, 2. Ad-  
vocate, 3. Cast, 5. Reliance, 6.  
Crusade, 8. Lurid, 11. Hurting, 12.  
Purse, 13. Overlook, 14. Envelope,  
15. Aerial, 23. Time.



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# CINEMA WORLD

**"MR. BUG GOES TO TOWN"**

The Cigar was Burning

## Full-length cartoon film to the King's

Imagination and originality will flash from the screen of the King's Theatre tomorrow when Paramount's new full-length Technicolor cartoon production, "Mr. Bug Goes to Town," make its initial appearance in the Colony.

This is unquestionably one of the best cartoon features yet produced. It sparkles and entertains every minute of the way. The story it tells is modern and up-to-date, differing from the usual fairy tale we have grown accustomed to expect from cartoon features.

The plot of "Mr. Bug Goes to Town" is well developed and full of the ingredients of adult entertainment. It is to the film's credit that the cartoon characters were so well drawn and so cleverly animated that at times one forgets they are not actual flesh-and-blood people.

Hoppy, the grasshopper, and Honey Bee are the hero and heroine. They live, with the others of their community, on a

little patch of land just 45 inches from Broadway. There they are surrounded by steel and cement skyscrapers and the ever-present dangers of lighted cigarettes, carelessly thrown away, and the gigantic, crushing feet of humans.

C. Bagley Beetle, the villain of the piece, is on the prowl for Honey and he is determined to marry her, by fair means or foul. Together with his two henchmen, Swat, the Fly, and Smack, the Mosquito, he rolls a lighted cigar into the "Lowlands" where Honey and all the other ordinary citizens live. He himself is above them, a man of property. He owns the "Highlands" which is comparatively safe from harm.

After the cigar sets the "Lowlands" afire, Beetle comes up with the suggestion that if Honey will marry him, the entire community may come to live in the Highlands.

Honey has to make up her mind when the little folk learn that a skyscraper is about to be built right on their town. Beetle disposes of Hoppy, at least long enough to prevail upon Honey to say "yes."

The story develops to the tune of several delightful songs, among them "We're the Couple in the Castle," "Be My Little Baby Bumble Bee" and "Katy Did."

In "Mr. Bug Goes to Town" we have an unusually amusing entertainment treat. It is thoroughly delightful, a picture that everyone is sure to find most enjoyable.

More truth than poetry in that recent comment by Peggy Hopkins Joyce: "The best lover is the one who is loving you now."

## RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classification to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:

- \*\*\* Excellent
- \*\* Very Good
- Good
- Fair

## NEXT CHANGE

Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo  
in  
**A SONG IS BORN.**

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JOHN HUSTON'S **"WE WERE STRANGERS"**

## Old hit at Queen's, Alhambra

Rating: \*\*\*

The Queen's Theatre, which has in the past screened many of M-G-M's cream of the crop, brings back this week-end a pre-war hit that should see the theatre do roaring business.

"Rage in Heaven" based on James Hilton's novel, is a fine movie. It stars Robert Montgomery, Ingrid Bergman and George Sanders and possesses enough of suspense and a clever plot to fill two present day U.S. productions.

Whenever a film delves into the workings of the human mind—whether balanced or not—Hollywood usually lands up catering to an audience of morose. "The Snake Pit" was one exception, and "Rage in Heaven" is another.

Jenously created by a diseased mind and nourished with blind and senseless hatred is the theme of the picture, and Robert Montgomery plays his part as the dangerous and yet pitiful villain with a perfection in fact, at times one is left wondering what Mr. Montgomery is like in private life.

His use of monotomy in the tone of his voice and his cold and mesmerizing stare are assets that Mr. Montgomery uses very much to advantage. Ingrid Bergman and George Sanders play subsidiary roles next to Mr. Montgomery's performance. Alas Bergman's treatment of her role calls for praise since simplicity and a refreshing kind of charm are two factors that show up well on the screen.

The film is also showing at the Alhambra Theatre

## Sea drama at Roxy with Dana Andrews

Rating: \*\*

"Deep Waters," starring Dana Andrews and Jean Peters in the romantic leads, is now at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres and should go over big with those who love outdoor life—on the screen.

Essentially a story of the sea, the film is based on Ruth Moore's novel, "Spoonhandle." It has just the proper dash of adventure and the right dose of suspense to make it enjoyable fare, although at times you may find yourself tiring too much from it.

The producers, however, have woven an intriguing plot that runs through the picture like a guardian angel and saves the cast and the audience from boredom that could become excessive. Besides Andrews and Miss Peters, "Deep Waters" stars Cesar Romero, Dean Stockwell and Ann Revere. This trio does an excellent job, and there are scenes, when both Andrews and Miss Peters are overshadowed by one, two, or all three of them.

All well that ends well, however, and Miss Peters, in this piece, the problem child, learns the hard way—that it is easier to go with rather than fight the tides. A Pyrrhic victory for the male.

Next change at the Roxy is "Cry of the City," starring that "georgious hunk of man," Victor Mature. This film is a fast-moving thriller and a must for those who like their film fare spiced with crime.

**EDWARD G. ROBINSON**

Is he crazy?

## Entertaining melodrama at the Lee

Rating: \*\*\*

A smooth-surfaced melodrama, "Night Has a Thousand Eyes," starring Edward G. Robinson as a vaudeville "mental" who finds to his embarrassment that his clairvoyant gift is genuine, is now at the Lee Theatre and is definitely worth seeing.

Rubber-mouthed Robinson who scored with his portrayal of a power-mad gangster in "Key Largo," this time impresses with his portrayal of the "mental" who feels so helplessly responsible for the catastrophes he foresees that he cannot bear to rush in on his remarkable powers.

He disappears into the depths of Los Angeles, leaving his fiancée (Virginia Bruce) to marry his partner (Jerome Cowan). Just as he could predict, Virginia dies in childbirth, and Jerome makes money hand over fist.

All this is told in excellent flashback scenes. Now the near-alarm is focused on Virginia's grown-up daughter, Gail Russell, who becomes entangled in a whole chain of symbolic predictions about her, and before he has a chance, he is labelled crazy by a group of shifty-looking businessmen who have Miss Russell's money at heart.

Well played and painstakingly produced, "Night Has a Thousand Eyes" is a bit over-elaborate in parts. As movie entertainment, however, it deserves praise.

## FILM NEWS TO GO ON SALE SHORTLY

Featuring another complete film story, "Sword in the Desert" plus articles on and pictures of Hollywood's leading stars, the February issue of the Hong Kong Film and Theatre News rolls off the presses shortly and will be on sale next Wednesday.

This magazine, which is rapidly gaining in popularity among local cinema fans, is offering once again \$150 to the winner of the monthly Lucky Star Quiz, and if you missed the answers last month, you may be lucky in February.

In addition, Clark Gable fans may read all about their favorite star in a special personal story, while those who prefer feminine pulchritude have an opportunity to feast their eyes on such glamorous stars as Linda Darnell, Suzi Crandall and Sally Ann Howes.

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*Night has a thousand Eyes*

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## MARRIAGE

DR. KINSON-WILD — The mar-  
riage is hereby announced  
between Mrs. G. M. Dick-  
son, of the China Mail, and  
Mr. Richard Wild, of South  
Island, Luxuriant Co., on  
26th January 1950, at St.  
John's Church, Darlinghurst,  
Sydney.

## NEW IMPERIALISM FOR OLD

The exposure by the United  
States Secretary of State of  
Soviet Imperialism in the Far  
East struck home so sharply  
that Mr. Vishinsky found it  
necessary to retort with a  
blanket denial. It was, he  
said, merely a slanderous  
smoke screen to hide  
America's own failures. Be-  
lieve me, he said, the charges are  
basically true.

Two of the outstanding  
phenomena of modern de-  
velopments have been the  
swift retreat of so-called West-  
ern Imperialism, and the rapid  
revival of Russian Imperia-  
lism. The Western with-  
drawal has been carried out  
on a scale without parallel in  
history, at the end of a vast  
victory when the armed  
power of the West was equal-  
ly unprecedented. Russian  
Imperialism began its re-  
covery as far back as the early  
1920's, when Outer Mongolia  
was occupied and when, in  
1924, an agreement concluded  
with the separatist regime in  
Mukden under the warlord  
Chang Tso-lin enabled the  
Soviet to resume control of  
the Chinese Eastern Railway.  
The transfer prompted  
sardonic reflections, in view  
of the fact that for the pre-  
vious two or three years  
Karakhan and other Soviet  
spokesmen had been holding  
forth in Peking, with tireless  
vehemence, on the inequities  
of Imperialism and the  
unequal Treaties. And the  
most iniquitous thing of all,  
so they stated, was the Tsarist  
position in Manchuria. There  
the Russians are now stronger  
than ever before.

But the most interesting  
case history is that of Outer  
Mongolia, where, as Mr. Dean  
Acheson has quite accurately  
stated, the process of penetra-  
tion or absorption is complete.  
Let us be quite fair about it.  
The then Bolsheviks were  
prodded into armed interven-  
tion there by the fantastic de-  
signs of the "mad Baron"  
Ungern. But once there,  
they stayed there, and while  
there has been an ebb and  
flow in the relations between  
the Kremlin and Ulaanbaator,  
all attempts of the Outer Mongols  
themselves to break the  
stranglehold and to establish  
relations even with the then  
acknowledged suzerain  
Power, China, have been  
frustrated.

Mongolia has been a closed  
book, and a closed area, to  
everybody but Soviet citizens  
for many years. No Chinese  
or other official has ever been  
allowed there; no Chinese is  
there today. All its trade,  
which used to flow through  
Tientsin, has been diverted to  
Siberia. Except for what the  
Russian agency, Tass, tells the  
world about it, Mongolia is  
terra incognita.

This was the first territory  
seized after Revolution, and  
developments in the Soviet  
Union were faithfully mirror-  
ed there—Constitution, Ide-  
ology, purges, collectivisation,  
dictatorship by a single Party,  
obedience to the "wise in-  
structions" of the Comintern,  
and all.

The Mongol Communists  
themselves did try to establish

A general election in  
Great Britain is a curious  
and rather alarming thing.  
The way of life of everybody  
in the country depends on its  
results. Yet general elec-  
tions seem as a rule to be  
conducted in a haphazard  
and casual way. Irrelevant  
issues get disproportionate at-  
tention. The atmosphere is a  
mixture of holiday, circus  
and Sunday. There is the  
dreadful feeling that what is  
being done cannot be undone  
quickly—if it can ever be  
undone—even if it becomes  
clear that great mistakes  
have been made by the elec-  
torate.

The general election of 1945  
which overthrew Mr. Churchill  
was the subject of an entertain-  
ing book by two Oxford dons.  
Their very first words state  
the difficulty of reporting an elec-  
tion.

"The Duke of Wellington once  
observed that you could no more  
describe a battle than you could  
describe a half-hour bull fight  
yet you describe a general elec-  
tion. Twenty or more million  
people give their votes under  
every variety of circumstances  
and from innumerable motives.  
Public opinion remains a mys-  
tery, and in seeking to under-  
stand it one must be content  
with approximations to truth and  
imperfect deductions from in-  
finitely complex evidence. One  
thing is certain about such an  
event as a general election: it is  
not simple."

At what stage do most people  
make up their minds about the  
way in which they will vote? Is  
it at the very last moment? Or  
have most of them made up their  
minds even before the serious  
campaigning begins? The sym-  
ptom of the last election sug-  
gests that at that particular  
general election most voters had  
decided how to vote months or  
even years before the polling  
took place. The excitement  
and demonstrations and froth of  
the election, Mr. Churchill's  
speeches and all the radio ad-  
dresses, might have been dis-  
pensable with. The result  
would have been much  
the same.

How do people make up their  
minds? The newspapers like to  
think that they help them to do  
so. But one of the oddities of  
English democracy is that people  
are loyal readers of their  
papers, and yet they do not  
stick to them religiously. They  
get past almost no attention to  
what they advise politically. At  
the 1945 election the newspaper  
with the biggest circulation was  
the "Daily Express," and its cir-  
culation actually increased dur-  
ing the campaign. Yet the result  
of the election was the specta-  
cular defeat of all which the  
"Daily Express" stood for.

Do people decide "rationally"?  
Some certainly do not. A sur-  
prising number of people seem  
to decide to discover which party  
is going to win, and then to vote  
for that. A more idiotic way of  
proceeding in a country where  
the ballot is genuinely secret it  
would be hard to imagine. Some  
people will vote Labour because  
they feel that the Government  
is doing well. But on the whole,  
people use their votes more in-  
telligently and with more sense  
of responsibility than they are  
given credit for.

The present election is having  
a quiet start. The first subject  
of controversy has been over the  
rules on election expenses. Un-  
der electoral law, a maximum  
campaign expenditure is pre-  
scribed for each constituency, ac-  
cording to the number of voters  
it contains. But the law is vague  
about the date from which these  
expenses have to be calculated.  
Must all expenditure from now  
on be counted as part of election  
costs, or only from February  
2, when Parliament is dis-  
solved? And must a candidate  
list as part of his expenses the  
cost of propaganda carried on  
by himself, but by organisa-  
tions supporting the policies  
for which he stands?

contact and relations with the  
outer world, especially with  
China, whom the Kremlin had  
recognised as the suzerain.  
Leaders like Danzan Norov  
executed for it. Some of the  
Mongol Communists wanted  
to "unify" all the Mongols, in-  
cluding those in Soviet ter-  
ritory. They were duly  
purged. When Soviet-Ger-  
man friendship was at its  
height, in the middle 20's,  
Mongolia tried to establish  
direct relations with the  
"Germany of Weimar," but  
when later on Germany pro-  
posed to give the Mongolian  
Republic de jure recognition,  
Moscow again put its foot  
down.

This is a plain, bare recital  
of facts. Mongolia is of little  
importance in itself. But as  
a pattern of the expansion and  
methods of Soviet Imperia-  
lism, it is an object lesson  
which even North China can-  
not ignore — still less Man-  
churia and Sinkiang.

# BRITONS AND THE GENERAL ELECTION

By "Windrush"

This question has been raised  
because of the anti-nationalist  
campaigns being carried on  
by various industries.

## Some great issues

Every general election brings  
up some great issues, which  
come to be expressed in more or  
less simple terms. Sometimes it  
is more or less an accident what  
issues come to be the decisive  
ones. This may be determined  
by chance, or by the manoeuvring  
of parties. Nobody at the start  
of the campaign of 1945 foresaw  
how important the "Laski in-  
cident" would be. It is too early  
yet to know what issues will  
crystallise in the present elec-  
tion. Perhaps the country feels  
in a groping way that the chief  
issue can be phrased rather as  
follows:

"Shall we continue nationalis-  
m? Or does private enterprise  
give us a more efficient economy,  
and so, in the long run, pro-  
vide better for everybody?"

The line taken by the most  
intelligent Tories, such as Mr. R.  
A. Butler, is that the Conserva-  
tives accept the Welfare State as  
the aim of policy no less whole-

heartedly than the Labour  
Party. But they say that the  
policies which Labour has fol-  
lowed, especially inflation and  
nationalisation, have disor-  
dered the pound sterling. Already  
the pound has been devalued. It  
is on a slippery slope. Unless  
Labour policies are changed, the  
pound will start a downward  
plunge. And with that there will  
be an end of the Welfare State.  
Perhaps the greatest danger to  
the Conservatives will be the ap-  
pearance of some of their lead-  
ers. The Tory party is a very  
mixed one. It contains intelli-  
gent and patriotic leaders such  
as Mr. Butler, Mr. Richard Law  
and Mr. Harold Macmillan. But  
one wing is frankly a class elite,  
anxious to defend its own  
class interests. It is necessary, at  
the expense of the rest of the  
community, though this fact will  
be glossed over with appeals  
to "patriotism."

The electorate has a shrewd  
eye for discerning the nature  
and motives of leaders. It is sus-  
picious that this upper class clique  
will dominate the Tory party. It  
will vote against it.  
Another danger to the Con-

servatives is, ironically enough,  
the instinctive conservatism of  
much of the country. People have  
got used to living under the so-  
cialist system. That is now the  
established order. They may feel  
nervous about a radical change.  
They have steered down to the  
new system, though they may dis-  
like it.

Up to the present, the fairest  
comment on these early stages  
has been made by the "Times"  
on the morning when the date  
of the election was published.

"It is generally believed that  
the balance of opinion since July  
1945 has tilted considerably  
away from the Government, in  
spite of their remarkable re-  
cord of successful by-elections.  
The question is whether the  
balance has tilted sufficiently  
towards the Conservatives to  
give them a majority of seats.  
Some popular polls suggests that  
it has, but the politicians are not  
yet so sure. There is a real and  
mounting resentment of bureau-  
cratic meddling. But the Gov-  
ernment's social reforms have  
shortcomings of their economic  
policies have as yet come home  
to few voters in their daily do-  
mains." Probably nobody will be  
any wiser than this until Febru-  
ary 24.

# Surely, all life is a gamble

By the Rev.  
Austin Lee

A Royal Commission on  
Betting, Lotteries, and Gam-  
ing is sitting in London and  
hearing evidence from all  
and sundry who like to ap-  
pear and give it.

Recently I heard evidence  
from the Bishop of London and  
other representatives of the  
Churches.

## Evasive reply

As was perhaps to be expected,  
the Bishop asserted that gam-  
bling was wholly an evil, though  
he made an evasive reply when  
Mr. Willink, the chairman, asked  
him: "If I attended three or four  
point-to-point meetings and three  
or four parties a year, and lost  
about £100, or 20s. a time, I  
should regard it as a gamble. Is  
not a gambler, is not the word  
'gambler' tendentious?"

Dr. Ward replied: "I hope no  
one would charge you with it."  
That the Church of England  
and the Nonconformist Churches  
are so averse to gambling is due  
to the fact that the Reformation  
was a middle-class movement,  
and the ethics of the lower mid-  
dle-class, which we call Purita-  
nism, finally became dominant.  
The Catholic Church, pre-  
cisely because it is Catholic,  
could never condemn gambling  
as wholly evil. For the true  
Church knows, none better, that  
life and religion itself are the  
supreme gamble.

"Time and chance happen to

all," said the preacher. And the  
Church, as Suddert-Kennedy  
pointed out a quarter of a cen-  
tury ago, has asserted that ap-  
proximately the greatest gamble of  
all, in her most significant  
documents.

For the Church has never said  
"I know." What she has always  
triumphantly proclaimed is "I  
believe." The existence of God  
is an even chance. A religious  
man stakes all on its being true.  
But there is no certainty in this  
life. The gambler's instinct is  
responsible for the greatest  
triumphs of the human spirit.

## Out of touch?

I am never able to understand  
our ecclesiastical high-ups. They  
seem almost wholly out of touch  
with ordinary men and women.  
And their position cushions them  
against the drab impact of the  
modern termite State.

Man is a predatory, hunting  
animal with a vast surplus of ex-  
pendable energy. His civilisation  
is said to be 5,000 years old, for  
every year that man has lived  
civilised his ancestors have lived  
through 10,000 as nomad hunters  
and adventurers. With this heri-  
tage, in a rapidly shrinking globe  
giving less and less scope for ad-  
venture, he is confined to a petty  
world of controls and restrictions.

# Now the Health scheme is radio-active too

By John Hall

The Girl in Mauve Py-  
jamas dug her hands into  
her dressing-gown. "All that  
happened," she said, "was  
the nurse said 'Here's your  
isotope,' and I drank what  
looked and tasted like an ordi-  
nary glass of water. I don't  
feel a bit radio-active."

The physicist picked up a  
Geiger-Müller counter, it resem-  
bles a toaster, electric razor  
minus the blades, and is connect-  
ed by a thin cable to a miniature  
switchboard, and placed it near  
the girl's throat.

Immediately a series of tiny  
bulbs in the switchboard began  
to light and sparkle. "That's how  
isotopes work as tracers," he ex-  
plained. "If you have a Geiger  
counter, you can tell where they  
are. Doctors thought there  
might be something wrong with  
this young lady's thyroid gland  
(the little yellow patch on the  
neck, close to the windpipe just below  
the Adam's Apple), so we gave  
her a radio-active iodine isotope.  
—The thyroid uses a lot of iodine  
—and you see what happens."

Some of the radio-active  
iodine has gone to her thyroid,  
and now we have to check the  
amount, how long it stays there,  
where it goes, and generally what  
happens to it.

As the counter went on tick-  
ing the tell-tale lights something  
like a pedometer was counting  
the units.

Tomorrow's hope

An expert noted down the  
numbers, went away to begin in-  
volving arithmetic and calculate the  
behaviour of the isotope. The  
"Girl in Mauve Pyjamas" went  
back to bed.

"One day," said the physicist,  
"we hope to have a machine which  
will tell us what the human  
body does with the things we  
eat—iron, sodium, iodine, phos-  
phorus, etc.—and have a com-  
plete record of what goes on in-  
side."

of isotopes. Every week the Me-  
dical Research Council arranges  
delivery of a number of isotopes  
from the atomic pile at Har-  
well Atomic Station at the Uni-  
versity of Oxford.

Most of the isotopes reach the  
research laboratories in the form  
of capsules. They are delivered by  
road and by post in small phials  
the size of your little finger which  
are in turn packed in thick lead  
containers.

The research laboratories  
packages are opened behind lead-  
lined walls, and the phials placed  
behind lead screens, phials placed  
Working as they must with  
high concentrations of isotopes,  
the researchers are exposed to  
certain amounts of deadly rays.  
The same rays which destroyed  
Lucien, the scientist in Hiroshima  
and Nagasaki, are each one-hundredth  
of a centimetre of film which  
is checked each week to as-  
sertain the amount of exposure  
the worker has had.

In addition, there is a three-  
monthly blood test.

The average man, with the  
whole resources of scientific in-  
vention and cultural advance  
before him, has an income that  
will barely secure him the neces-  
sities of life. Is there any won-  
der that he turns to gambling?

On top of this, the vast major-  
ity earn their living by tasks  
which are meaningless and monotonous. Man, the measure of the  
universe, spends his whole work-  
ing day turning a screw on a  
conveyor belt, or sitting on an  
office stool doing long tots and  
cross tots.

## The Irish Sweep

It is true that some people  
spend on pools or the dogs, or  
horses, more than they can afford.  
But if it were not betting it would  
be something else. "Hard cases  
make bad law," and for the legis-  
lature to prohibit the moral fibre of  
a few pathetic gamblers in a  
working-class man's whole work-  
ing day which is instinctive is to  
bring the law into contempt.

The people of Southern Ireland  
are among the finest and most  
civilised in Europe. The Irish  
Hospital Sweep has in no way  
weakened their moral fibre. In a  
working-class home the pool  
gives as much excitement and  
amusement as a game of Bridge  
at the Carlton Club.

As King Edward VII, then  
Prince of Wales, said in reply to  
the Archbishop of Canterbury  
after the Treaty of Versailles:  
"If I keep within my means to  
put money on cards is no more  
morally wrong than to spend the  
money on any other form of  
amusement."

The Church of England would  
do well to remember that it is  
a minority movement in Brit-  
ain, and it has no right what-  
ever to coerce non-members.

It is activities such as those of  
the so-called Lord's Day Obser-  
vance Society which are bringing  
the Church into contempt, and  
may result in the repudiation of  
Christianity by the nation.

The Church may discipline its  
own members, though so far it  
has proved quite unable to do  
this, but it has no right whatever  
to discipline anyone else.

The gambling habit is one of  
the most deep rooted in man's  
composition. It could be wisely  
used and guided by the State so  
that the vast amount of money  
flowing into gambling is ploughed  
back in benefit to the nation.



State statistics. Government experts have  
worked out that Hong Kong  
employees spend eight per cent  
of their income on rent.

And there was I thinking that  
with today's ruling prices,  
expenditure on housing would  
have been absolutely negligible.

"Man and wife issue in murder  
trial."

"Poor little devil... I see that the  
Siamese are trying to improve their  
cats. They could pick up some useful  
tips at our cocktail parties."

"Federation of Youth expels  
Yugoslavia." Not exactly a new develop-  
ment for the You-go-slavs.

No, Myrtle, Socrates did not  
die from an overdose of weak-  
ness.

CAT feels since the transfer of  
the 'pawpaw' assets that they  
would like to mechanise 'the  
Machinese'.

Following two big armed  
robberies in a week, the Boston  
trucking company is believed to  
be on the Brinks of ruin.

Blake describing his career  
boyhood told a friend: Once my  
father came home and found me  
in front of a roaring fire. That  
made my father very mad, as we  
didn't have a fireplace.

A report from London states  
that organisers of Communist  
election meetings are worried at  
the shortage of effective speakers.  
You can apparently hear them  
saying all over Bloomsbury,  
"Have you booked any good Reds  
lately?"

According to reports from  
board, the Nationalists didn't  
want to let the Flying Arrow go  
to a Communist port, and the  
Reds didn't want to let her  
leave.

Just what is this irresistible  
attraction the Americans have?  
"Gov't earmarks space for  
turnip year ship!"

Not, however, to be called  
Lunar Park.

"What's this I hear, lieutenant?  
I'm told you were so drunk last  
night that you pushed a  
wheelbarrow through the village.  
Is that the way to keep up your  
prestige with these people?"

You ought to know, sir. You  
were in the barrow."

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# SOVIET PENETRATION OF NORTHERN CHINA

## Washington backs up charges with proof REPLY TO VYSHINSKY

Washington, January 25

The State Department today produced documentary information to support the recent charge made by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that Russia is taking over some areas in Northern China.

The document was an answer to the statement made by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, last week, branding Mr. Acheson's charges as "monstrous and awkward lies."

The State Department document said: "Soviet strategic detachment from Chinese control is in progress in China's Northern provinces, as it is in certain European areas, and, as in those areas, it may be expected to proceed by carefully planned stages."

## EMPIRE'S DOLLAR POSITION

London, January 25

British financial officials stated today that the Commonwealth's 25 per cent cut in dollar imports was reviewed as a matter of routine at the Colombo Conference.

All such arrangements among Commonwealth countries are periodically reviewed, they said, because the Commonwealth dollar position is not static over a period of months it can improve or worsen.

American Press reports that Britain at Colombo proposed a six months' extension of the arrangement, until the end of this year, are believed to rest on a misconception.

According to these British officials, when the Commonwealth Conference met at the Colombo Conference it was their general sense that the dollar savings would have to continue indefinitely, and the review during the meeting confirmed this impression.

Dollar imports are drawn up annually. Since the 25 per cent cut, which was agreed upon last July, did not become fully effective until the beginning of this year, its first full year could be regarded as the calendar year 1950 rather than the 12 months ending next June.

But there was never any question of continuing it to any particular date.

It continues for such time, long or short, as the dollar shortage enforces it.

It is subject to relaxation or to further tightening, for the Commonwealth is a whole or for any particular country, as the situation may change at any time.—Reuter.

## Americans in China as hostages?

Washington, January 25

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has expressed concern that some of the 3,000 Americans still in China, may be held as hostages by the Communists, according to some Senators who heard Mr. Acheson's testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday.

These Senators said Mr. Acheson told the Committee that the Chinese Communists have adopted the practice of compelling each homeward-bound American to designate someone in China who will be responsible for debts and for any subsequent criminal charge lodged against him.

Mr. Acheson is said to have disclosed that charges ranging from personal assault to non-payment of rent may be levied against an American months after he has left China.

These Communist tactics have made it most difficult for Americans to get home, Mr. Acheson told the Committee, according to the Senators.—United Press.

## PAKISTAN WHEAT FOR SPAIN

Karachi, January 26

A local news agency report said today that Spain is negotiating to purchase Pakistan wheat surplus.

The agency reported that the Spanish Government, for Karachi, Mr. Emilio Nunez stated in negotiations with the Pakistan Government, "materialize, Spain may purchase 400,000 tons of wheat from this country.—United Press.

"The Soviet Union has placed the richest industrial area of China firmly behind the Far Eastern segment of the 'Iron Curtain'."

The State Department said that the document was "based on a large accumulation of reports and data available to this Government."

It also stated that it has further evidence which it will not make public at this time.

The document said: "Despite the fiction of the independent Mongolian, People's Republic, Soviet penetration in Outer Mongolia is complete."

It said that Outer Mongolia has not been recognized by all of the nations in the Soviet sphere. Yet by treaty, Soviet troops are maintained in this "independent republic," and its trade is completely monopolized by Russia.

It said that Manchuria is ruled by a Sino-Russian partnership, with the stronger partner in the dominant position, and claimed that Russia is extending its economic and strategic domination.

### Secret police

Soviet troops occupy Dairen and Port Arthur, and Russia has extended its control of railways beyond what was contemplated in its 1949 treaty with China.

The document charged the Russians with participation in the Manchurian secret police and in the training of native military forces, and that Russia has obtained navigation and fishing rights, operated the only civil air service, controls and operates important industrial and hydro-electric plants, as well as several gold and coal mines.

It said that under the agreement concluded between Russia and the Chinese Communists last July, 60 per cent of Manchuria's farm produce is exported to the Soviet Union, causing severe local shortages.

The State Department also said that Manchuria has a separate currency and separate economic controls from those of the rest of the Chinese Communist territory, whereas the USSR penetration in Manchuria is widespread, and economic and strategic exploitation is well advanced.

### Sinkiang moves

It said that in Inner Mongolia and Sinkiang the process of economic and political penetration is less advanced.

But the indications of present Russian moves there are strongly reminiscent of the earlier state of affairs in Outer Mongolia.

Russia has sought permission to station troops in Sinkiang.

There are also strong indications that Russia obtained, or is seeking, exclusive air transport, trade and investment, and mineral rights in Sinkiang.

The document said that the Soviet-inspired semi-autonomous Mongol regime in Inner Mongolia is only loosely affiliated with the Chinese Communist authorities.

### Carefully planned

It concluded: "How long this process of penetration and detachment will take will depend on the Soviet timetable and, of course, on any resistance which may arise in Chinese quarters."

Strategic points, such as communications and industry, appear to be already well under Soviet control.

"The Soviet strategic detachment from Chinese control is in progress in China's Northern provinces, and, as in certain areas in Europe, it may be expected to proceed by carefully planned stages."

### Changes in Mongolia

Important changes were announced today in the Government of the Mongolian People's Republic.

The Mongolian People's Republic, Chairman of the State Council, Khural, Chubandorj, is relieved of his duties as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of the Armed Forces.

He remains Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

The announcement, which was under Tuesday's date and came from Ulan Bator, capital of the Mongolian People's Republic, said that Chubandorj was overburdened with his duties as Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

This and his personal request led to the new appointments, it was stated.

The new Foreign Minister is the present Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ikhambaran.

The new Minister of Armed Forces is Major General Chanchiv, who has been Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces.

United Press and Associated Press

## ITALY Suing BRITISH BANK

London, January 25

Italy sued in British court today for the late King Victor Emmanuel's \$42,000 British fortune.

The Republic brought the action in Chancery Court against Hambro's, bank administrators of the King's Estate in Britain, and Sir Henry Stanley Gregory, the Government's Custodian of Enemy Property.

Victor Emmanuel's holdings in Britain were seized when Italy and Britain went to war. After the little monarch died in 1947, the Enemy Property Custodian paid the British Government £728,000 in estate duty and turned the rest over to Hambro's.

Italy's lawyer, Pascoe Hayward, told the Court that Sir Henry should not have paid the estate duty or shifted the estate to Hambro's.

According to Mr. Hayward, these moves were a breach of the Anglo-Italian agreement under which all Italian assets in Britain were to be turned over to Italy. Victor Emmanuel's estate in Britain consisted of cash and investments.—Associated Press.

## ANTI-RED ARMY IN UKRAINE

Munich, January 25

A Ukrainian Liberty Army, numbering between 100,000 and 200,000 men, is operating behind the "Iron Curtain," according to Dr. Peter Miranuk, spokesman of the S. K. League of Ukrainian Independence.

The "Munich Abend Zeitung" in reporting this said that Dr. Miranuk disclosed that the main operational centre of the Liberty Army is in the Carpatho-Ukraine, but some of the Army's units are also operating in the Crimea, in the Caucasus and in the Baltic region.—Reuter.

## Peking radio concentrates on Tibet

San Francisco, January 26

The Chinese Communist radio for the second consecutive day, violently denounced the Tibetan decision to send goodwill missions abroad to "explain" Tibetan independence, and re-iterated that Tibet is an integral part of China, due for "liberation."

The Radio said, the Chinese people "are longing for the army of our fatherland to march Westwards," and charged "the imperialists with directing the Lhasa authorities to carry out the plot of so-called 'independence' from behind the scenes."

The radio quoted nationwide protests against the Tibetan independence move, and repeated the warning that any country receiving the Tibetan emissaries violates China's sovereignty and will "be considered deliberately hostile to the Chinese people."—United Press.

## GUERRILLA WARFARE IN KOREA

San Francisco, January 25

Guerrilla warfare is raging practically all over South Korea, Peking Radio claimed tonight. It said that the "People's partisans" are swiftly growing into a strong force there.

The number of men mobilized by the partisans up to October last totalled over 89,000, the broadcast said.

It added that up to last August the operations of the partisans covered eight provinces, seven cities, 118 counties and 682 districts.

It claimed that most of the main mountain ranges in South Korea are under the control of the partisans who hold bases for guerrilla operations in six provinces.

The broadcast further said that during the seven months between April and October, 1949, guerrillas, supported by the local population, annihilated 7,811 "enemy troops," at the same time capturing 1,735 of them.

The broadcast said that these figures were given by the South Korean newspaper "Labourer."

Peking Radio described as "a new phase of the armed struggle of the South Korean people" alleged peasant uprisings throughout South Korea against "grain levying" by the Syngman Rhee Government.

These uprisings had taken place last October and had resulted in peasants in many districts restoring the "People's committees" long ago suppressed by American imperialism.—Reuter.

## APOLOGY FROM WEST GERMANY

Bohn, January 25

The West German Government officially apologized today to the French High Commissioner, M. Andre Franco-Poncet, for the recent "war vindication" speech of the Minister of Justice, Herr Thomas Dehler.

And in another "peace" gesture, the Federal Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, appealed to Party leaders for calm and patience on the Saar question.—Reuter.

## CHINESE WORKERS FOR POLAND

Vladivostok, January 25

Diplomatic informants said last night that more than 3,000 Chinese labourers have been shipped through China to work in the Upper Silesian coal mines of Poland to reduce the critical shortage of labour in that part of Poland taken from Germany after the war.—Associated Press.

## KMT confident of ability to defend Taiwan

Lake Success, January 25

Dr. T. F. Tsing, the Chinese Nationalist chief delegate to the United Nations, declared today that Taiwan could be defended by China's military forces.

He said that his Government had not asked the United States for naval aid to fend off the expected Communist invasion of the island.

Dr. Tsing told a luncheon of the UN Correspondents Association that military aid to the Nationalists in defending Taiwan would not be necessary unless Russia gave active aid in the form of naval assistance to the Communists for the invasion of the island.

"Perhaps this contingency is now being discussed in Moscow conferences between the Russians and the Chinese Communists," he said.

Dr. Tsing said that the Chinese had no doubts of the defensibility of Taiwan, inasmuch as the Communists lack naval and aircraft of their own.

He said it was known that Russia had provided some planes for Mao Tse-tung's forces, but that they had been used only for training purposes.

"The Communists have never met us in the air," Dr. Tsing said.

Dr. Tsing said that successful holding operation in Taiwan would make it difficult for the Communists to plan to undertake new adventures in Indonesia, the Philippines, India and elsewhere.

He said Taiwan is garrisoned by between 150,000 and 200,000 trained troops equipped with American arms, and that the idea that Taiwan could be easily overrun from the mainland.

He said that one mile off the port of Ningpo is the island of Taishan which can be seen from the mainland. On Taishan is a major air installation from which the Nationalist Air Force is continuously raiding Shanghai and Nanking.

A similar position off the port of Amoy is the island of Kinmen. These two islands have immense strategic importance in the Chinese civil war. The Communists have not been able to take either one.

### Major obstacle

Dr. Tsing asked, "If they could not overrun either of these tiny islands, which are not mentioned often in the Press here, how can they quickly overrun Taiwan which presents a major obstacle?"

Dr. Tsing said that he is considering asking the United Nations to send a watch-dog commission to Taiwan to observe and report on foreign assistance, if any, to the Communists.

Dr. Tsing said that but for Soviet Russia support, Nationalist China felt confident of holding Formosa indefinitely.

He declared that the current Moscow talks between the Russians and the Chinese Communists must in part be devoted to future Russian aid to Peking.

Such aid was undoubtedly given in the past, he said.—United Press and Reuter.

## RAIDS ON SHANGHAI SHIPPING

Taipei, January 25

Chinese Nationalist heavy bombers attacked Shanghai again today, reporting that they hit on seven ships.

The Air Force said returning pilots reported there were no planes on Shanghai air field.

This suggested that the recent aerial pounding had made the Reds too dangerous for the Communists to use.

Pilots said a number of warehouses on Shanghai's river front were left in flames.

They said the bombed ships were from 1,000 to 3,000 tons. Two were in dry dock.

Fighter planes attacked Swatow, mainland port opposite Taiwan. They claimed that many small craft in the harbour were sunk or damaged.

Over fighters shot up trains running north out of Canton, in South China.

Three new Ministers were appointed today in the first major reshuffle of the Nationalist government since General Yen Hsi-shan took over the Premiership in Canton last May.—Associated Press.

### PEKING PICTURE

San Francisco, January 25

The Chinese Communist radio, commenting on the seizure of American, French and Dutch properties in the Peking Legation Quarter by the Peking military authorities, described the seized buildings as "lying pictures of imperialist aggression on China."

They remind us of a humiliation in history which must be erased," it recalled "bitter memories" evoked by the Legation Quarter, and rejoiced that this is now "people's land. We can now walk freely there."—United Press.

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## BRITAIN AND ISRAEL CONFER ON FINANCE

London, January 25.  
Britain and Israel began talks today to find a solution to financial problems arising from the end of the British mandate over Palestine. Two main issues are involved. 1. Claims and finances resulting from the liquidation of the British mandate and the setting up of the Israel Government.

## HOPES FOR HOLY CITY REGIME

Geneva, January 25.  
Mr. Roger Garreau, President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, thinks that agreement can be reached for an international regime for Jerusalem.

M. Garreau said that at the close of the Council's Executive Committee Session at New York last December, he had been entrusted with the task of drawing up a working paper, which would form the basis for discussion of the Trusteeship Council's meeting now going on here.

He stated that he will make his statement, on the results of his consultations in drawing up the working paper, to the Trusteeship Council next Monday.

He said that on Monday the Council will send out invitations to the Governments of Jordan and Israel to send representatives to take part in the discussions on the international regime for Jerusalem, but without the right to vote.

According to Press reports, which M. Garreau said were substantially correct, his report to the Trusteeship Council envisages a very restricted area for internationalisation.

M. Garreau stated that in the course of his various consultations he had received a suggestion from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who proposed the internationalisation of a very small zone of Jerusalem, but without the right to vote.

This suggestion had also been forwarded by the Foreign Committee of the World Council of Churches, which added that people living in these zones should be allowed to administer themselves rather than be under United Nations administration.

"Options I heard during my recent consultations," M. Garreau said, "were that it would be very difficult to implement the internationalisation of Jerusalem if applied in a restricted sense but a solution was possible if one took a more liberal interpretation."

M. Garreau said that agreement can be reached if there is a spirit of compromise on both sides. "Compromise, of course, is never 100 per cent satisfactory," he added, "but a compromise is always better than intransigent attitudes. With goodwill and comprehension we will find a solution. What we must not forget is that Jerusalem is not only a city but a holy place for Jews, Moslems and the whole of Christianity."—Reuter.

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Release of some of the £8,000,000 balances of Israel in London.

The British delegation is led by Sir James Cramb, a Third Secretary at the Treasury. David Horowitz, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, heads the Israeli delegation.

The Israeli delegation said that, while in London, they will also hold unofficial talks with British businessmen whose firms are interested in Israel.

Experts of the two countries talked over the problems of claims and counter-claims arising from the change in governments in Tel Aviv last summer. They failed to reach an agreement. The talks were transferred to London.

### Military stocks

These claims and counter-claims include such things as the British War Office demand for payment of stocks left behind when it evacuated Palestine and Israeli demands that the British Army pay for use of railways after the mandate ended.

Various sums have been mentioned. The one most frequently mentioned here is about £30,000,000 on both sides.

The Sterling balance talks follow the end last October 31 of a temporary agreement between the two countries.

Under that temporary agreement, the British released about £7,000,000 to Israel from the frozen funds.

Israel is contending that the money should not be treated as Sterling balances—that is credits built up in Britain in war time. Israel says that when she was a member of the Sterling area, the money was put on deposit in Britain because Israel, then Palestine, had no central banking system of its own.—Associated Press.

## Elizabeth may return to Malta

London, January 26.  
Princess Elizabeth hopes to find time this spring for another visit to her sailor husband, Prince Philip, at Malta.

A Buckingham Palace Press officer said that the timing will depend on Princess Elizabeth's heavy round of public appearances. The heiress to the throne has had to take over many of her father's engagements since he came down with a serious leg ailment in November, 1948.

The Palace Press officer said a trip by Princess Elizabeth to Malta when circumstances permit would be an obvious thing since Prince Philip's naval duties come before any social travelling on his part.

Prince Philip has been a First Lieutenant on the destroyer Chequer of the Mediterranean Fleet based at Malta since last October. Princess Elizabeth visited him there from last November 20 to December 23.

She and her 14-month-old son, Prince Charles, returned to London on Tuesday from a stay with the King and Queen at Sandringham.—Associated Press.

## American skipper bluffed Communists in Tsingtao

(By Wayne Richardson)

Aboard Flying Arrow at Kobe, January 25.  
The skipper of this American freighter had to bluff the Chinese Communists by threatening to call non-existent destroyers in order to get his clearance papers to leave Tsingtao. Captain David Jones told me of the tense negotiations as we approached Kobe.

The freighter had put in at Tsingtao to discharge cargo after a Chinese Nationalist gunboat shelled us off Shanghai on January 9.

Captain Jones declared his ship's departure from Tsingtao was held up for six days by the Communists, who delayed the vessel in every manner.

In the midst of a quarrel to get his clearance papers, Captain Jones gambled on a bluff. Turning on the officials he said: "If my vessel is not allowed to sail or given sufficient reasons for its detention, I will radio

## All-out war will be waged on Westerling

Jakarta, January 26.  
Indicating that the Indonesians are preparing to declare an all-out war on the puppet army, Republican Lieutenant-General Suhardjo told a Press conference that there is only one way to deal with Westerling. He said, "And that is through direct military action."

General Suhardjo is confident that Westerling's forces can be liquidated within a month and added, "No compromise is possible with this rebel."

Westerling's forces, he said, do not have popular support. He said Westerling's forces are composed of three categories: 1. Deserters from the Dutch Army; 2. Irregulars who are dismissed by the Republican Army; and 3. "Disappointed persons."—United Press.

## ALGER HISS GAOLED

New York, January 25.  
Alger Hiss, former State Department official, was sentenced here today to five years in a Federal penitentiary for perjury.

Hiss, aged 48, one-time adviser to President Roosevelt and Secretary-General of the United Nations Charter conference in San Francisco in 1945, was found guilty last Saturday by a Federal Court. The court found that he lied when he denied passing State Department documents to Whittaker Chambers, self-styled courier for a Soviet spy ring.

Hiss was not fined. He had faced a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$4,000 fine.

The defence counsel has announced that the case will be taken to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals—one step below the Supreme Court.

The Hiss case began when Chambers alleged to the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee that Hiss passed him secret Government papers when he was an underground Communist agent in the 1930's.

Hiss, at his two trials, was not charged with espionage but simply with lying when he said that he was not a spy.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today re-affirmed his friendship for Hiss.

Hiss was an associate of Mr. Acheson in the State Department during the war.—Reuter.

## HOLLYWOOD STARS DRUG ADDICTS?

Hollywood, January 25.  
Hollywood police said that the names of a great many film celebrities have been found in the apartment of a man accused of operating a \$1,000-a-week marijuana drug ring.

The police are keeping the names secret, pending investigation.

Nathan Polk, aged 26, arrested on a Hollywood street corner on Tuesday night, was freed on \$1,000 bail, pending a preliminary hearing on Thursday on charges of possessing marijuana.

Virginia Lee Corbin, aged 22, arrested in Polk's flat, is being held for trial on a similar charge, the police said.—Associated Press.

## Much confusion

One of the strange features of the confused situation is that, as far as can be ascertained, no order has so far been issued for Westerling's arrest, though the Indonesian Army Headquarters at Djakarta said that his forces would be resolutely pursued and destroyed.

There is certainly no sign in Bandung of a resolute pursuit. The confusion is made worse by a spate of contradictory statements issued by the various political, governmental and "shadow" governmental bodies in West Java.

On the one hand, the Pasundan State Government has openly expressed sympathy with Westerling, and talked of declaring a "holy war" against unprovoked invaders with the assistance of the Darul Islam (a fanatical Moslem organisation) forces known to be near the city.

Darul Islam preachers, protesting orthodox Moslem State have appeared on the walls of Bandung City over the signature of the "Islamic" mystic, Karti Suwirlo, who is known to have headquarters in the mountains near Garret, 40 miles from Bandung.

Darul Islam declared war on the Indonesian Army last year, attacking Dutch and Indonesian troops with equal ferocity, but since the Hague agreement they no longer attacked the Dutch Army, whose vehicles carry an

## INDONESIANS SADDLED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF QUELLING REVOLT

### Dutch denial of help for rebels

Jakarta, January 25.  
The Dutch declared today that coping with the "Host of Heaven" rebels is an Indonesian and not a Dutch responsibility. At the same time, the Dutch denied helping the rebels, led by "Turk" Westerling.

A joint communique, issued by the Netherlands High Commissioner and the Commander-in-Chief of the Netherlands Army in Indonesia, said: "The illegal forces which penetrated Bandoeng have had no support whatever from forces under Dutch command. This is one of the reasons why the action came to a dead end."

In a special statement, the High Commissioner, Dr. H. M. Hirschfield, said he regretted that 300 men had deserted from the Dutch forces and joined the Westerling rebels, but most of the deserters, he continued, were Indonesian, and only a few were Dutch.

"It is for the United States of Indonesia to deal with these people," (the Westerling rebels), Hirschfield added.

The joint communique, issued by Hirschfield and the Dutch Army chief, admitted that Westerling was a Dutch national. It said, however, that it was "untrue that confusion should have arisen from the fact that the illegal forces could not be distinguished from forces under Dutch command." The communique declared that deserters in Dutch uniforms had removed all distinguishing insignia.

The High Commissioner said the acts of the Westerling forces are being considered completely illegal.

He described as completely false any impression that a great number of Dutch nationals deserted.

The statement added: "The High Commissioner is of the opinion that it is not for him to expose all the facts of this matter, but he feels it right to point out assistance but that in judging the Bandoeng affair, it should be borne in mind that troops of the Royal Netherlands Indies Army—predominantly consisting of Indonesians—still have no knowledge of the conditions by which they may be admitted to the Army of the USI."

No responsibility. Some, therefore, "become susceptible to the agitation of irresponsible individuals whose attitude the Netherlands Government condemns," the statement said.

The Netherlands Government, the statement continued, bears no responsibility whatsoever for the action of these individuals who, insofar as there are Netherlands nationals among them, know they act contrary to the wishes and views of that Government.

Meanwhile, with a dusk-to-dawn curfew, Bandoeng is today an empty city after dark. Indonesian Army patrols roared through the streets in open trucks and held road-blocks on all thoroughfares entering the city.

Dutch armoured cars also roared through the streets whenever occasional shots shattered the silence.

Westerling's "Army of the Heavenly Host" has apparently faded into its mountain fastnesses as early and effectively as it marched into Bandoeng last Monday, leaving the Indonesian forces wondering when it will descend to earth again.

Westerling and two of his officers appeared in Bandoeng only yesterday with pistols bulging in their trouser pockets. The police gave them a wide berth, while the Indonesian Army were either unaware of their presence or preferred to ignore it.

Radio Moscow reported tonight that the Soviet Government had decided to recognise the United States of Indonesia as an independent sovereign state and to establish diplomatic relations.

Radio Moscow also reported that Russia was sharply critical of the manner in which the independent Indonesian Republic was formed and refused to join the Security Council in congratulations to the Dutch and Indonesian.

Radio Moscow said that the deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, today received the Netherlands Minister and handed him the reply to the Dutch note of December 24, which had informed Russia of the formation of the United States of Indonesia.

The Soviet note said: "Insofar as on December 27 the aforementioned ceremony of transfer took place, the Soviet Government has taken the decision to inform the Government of the United States of Indonesia that it has decided to recognise the United States of Indonesia as an independent sovereign state and to establish diplomatic relations."

The broadcast said the Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, sent a message to Jakarta confirming the Soviet decision.—Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

## TRUCULENT DISASTER SEQUEL

London, January 25.  
The commanding officer of the submarine Truculent, which was rammed and sunk in the Thames Estuary with the loss of 64 lives, will be court-martialled on a charge of "negligently or by default losing his ship," the Admiralty announced tonight.

The Admiralty statement said that in naval practice the loss of a ship was frequently followed by a court-martial, and their decision to court-martial the commander, Lieutenant C. P. Bowers, should "not be taken to convey any implication regarding the responsibility for the disaster."

Lieutenant Bowers, aged 27, was one of the 15 survivors. He was standing in the conning tower when the Swedish ship, Divina, rammed the submarine on January 12.

A preliminary maritime enquiry by the Swedish Consul-General into the collision will open here tomorrow. The captain of the Divina, Captain Karl Hummerberg, will be heard as well as the Second Mate, Mr. Franz Leppelt, who was on the bridge when the collision occurred, and the helmsman, Herbert Toennings.

It is also possible that the British pilot on board the Divina will give evidence at the enquiry, although the Swedish authorities have no legal right to summon him to appear.

The leader of the enquiry is the Swedish Consul-General in London, Mr. C. A. M. Halenborg. The British naval authorities have been notified and will probably be represented at the enquiry.—Reuter.

## SHIP AGROUND

San Francisco, January 25.  
The Marine Exchange reported that the Greek steamer, Kostis Lomis, went aground at Sansum Point on Vancouver Island, 22 miles off Victoria, British Columbia, early today. The Coast Guard hopes to refloat the ship at high tide.—United Press.


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## SECURITY MEASURES IN FRANCE

Paris, January 25. French security measures, including stern treatment for newspapers carrying on "false campaigns," were approved today by the Council of Ministers.

The measures are primarily directed against the Communist opposition to what they call the "dirty war" in Indo-China and to the forthcoming United States shipments of war materials to the Atlantic Pact nations.

"The necessary police measures will be taken and strengthened," M. Tolgen, the Minister of State in charge of Information, told the Press after the Ministers had met with the Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault.

Earlier today, the National Assembly's Defence Commission voted a motion "stigmatising the authors of sabotage actions against the safety of our troops fighting the enemies of France in the Far East."

The Commission asked the Government to act swiftly against "these acts of treason."

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour has issued a call for French workers to hamper the manufacture and transportation of military equipment, and "Humanite," the Party newspaper, asked its readers to show disapproval of the "provocative policy" of the Government in Indo-China at a mass meeting today in front of the Prime Minister's Office.

The Hotel Matignon, the official residence of the Prime Minister, was heavily guarded by steel-helmeted police.

The anti-sabotage measures are also aimed at unrest in the nationalised railways. A National Defence Ministry spokesman told Reuters: "Workers will be dismissed if there is a specific mistake in the handling of trains carrying national defence equipment."

M. Teyssie, an official of the Government, said that the Government would cope with the false news campaigns by forbidding people to be newspaper editors and Members of Parliament at the same time.

"Some newspapers are grossly exaggerating the news, and such an extension of sabotage activities should be sternly coped with," he said.—Reuters.

## HYDROGEN BOMB ADVOCATED

Lake Success, January 25. The United States should go ahead with the manufacture of the hydrogen bomb before Russia does, according to Mr. Frederick H. Osborn who has just resigned as American representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

He said here today that from his three years' experience with the Commission he concluded that there was no hope at present of reaching agreement with the Russians on world atomic control.

Mr. Osborn declared, "I cannot imagine that the American people will be content to sit back and let Russia manufacture a super atomic bomb of hydrogen and forego it themselves because we are pacifistic."

Mr. Osborn explained that he had no inside knowledge of the H-Bomb, but he said that he was convinced that nothing was to be gained by delaying its construction.

(President Truman is at present considering whether to go ahead with the new bomb or delay its construction until one more American appeal is made to Moscow for a control agreement).—Reuters.

## U.S. SYMPATHY WITH TITO

Belgrade, January 25. Mr. George Allen, the American Ambassador in Belgrade, told a Press conference here today that the United States is in full sympathy with Yugoslavia's stand against Communist interference in her internal affairs.

Asked to define the official American policy towards Yugoslavia, the Ambassador declared that the United States is opposed to aggression and the use of military force in achieving national aims, according to the basic principles laid down by President Truman and applicable to Yugoslavia and to anywhere else in the world.

"We are fully sympathetic to Yugoslavia's determination to preserve her independence and prevent outside interference," he said.—Reuters.

London, January 25.

The Conservative Party charged today that labour's collective bargaining rights, including the right to strike, would eventually disappear in Britain under a Socialist regime, as they have disappeared in Socialist Russia.

This charge was made in campaign literature supplementing the Party's manifesto of policy, published on Wednesday, which promised the British people the continuation of their social services, lower taxes, maintenance of full employment, and an end to nationalisation of industries if the Tories are elected on February 23.

The new campaign literature is obviously designed to woo disgruntled trade unionists away from the Labour Party, especially those who have been stung under the Socialist Government's wage freeze. The trade unions are the backbone of the Labour Party.

The Labour Government won only a bare majority recently from the trade unions when they voted on whether to support the wage freeze which the Tories at present indirectly promise to abandon.

"The Labour Party intends—now, but as soon as it can to establish a completely socialist State," the Tory supplement pointed out.

The Conservative Party manifesto, "This is the Road," issued on Wednesday and outlining what the Conservative Party proposes if they win the February election, met with approval from Conservative newspapers and criticism from newspapers supporting the Labour Party.

Nearly all the London national papers devoted their editorials to the manifesto.

### A winner

The Conservative "Daily Mail" said the manifesto "looks to us like a winner. It is the most stimulating political document we have read for years. It has none of the sloppy wordings or the evasion of vital issues which disgraced the Socialist statement issued last week."

The Labour "Daily Herald," mouthpiece of the Labour Party, said that the only suitable name for "This is the Road" is "Queer Street."

It alleged that the manifesto "is a piece of wholly misleading statements" and that there would be long queues of unemployed in Britain if the Conservatives won the election. The manifesto is an unsuccessful piece of bluff, said the "Herald."

The Independent "Daily Express" applauded the Conservative decision to develop the Empire.

"Under the leadership of Churchill, surrounded by new and enthusiastic lieutenants uncompromised by past mistakes, immediate progress could be achieved," said the "Express."

### No bounds

"Given the will and the determination, given devotion to Empire and not lip service, given above all the courage to turn away from dependence on the United States, we need set no craven bounds to the march of Empire," stated the "Express."

The left wing "Daily Mirror" asked how the Conservatives proposed to save more and spend more. It held the view that the

## Talks on vocational training

Geneva, January 25. Dr. N. Dax, the Indian Government delegate to the tripartite conference on vocational training called by the International Labour Organisation, has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Government group.

The conference, which opened yesterday, is being attended by representatives of 20 countries. It will examine a draft recommendation on vocational training and will prepare a report for the ILO General Conference to be held in Geneva later this year.

In his address to the first plenary session, Dr. Dax said that his country attaches great importance to the need for the organisation and development of vocational training programme in direct relation to the national employment market.

He said that international regulations on this subject should be flexible enough to take into account the different national circumstances. As the sole representative from Asian countries, Dr. Dax felt that it might not be possible for Asian countries to apply the recommendations if it embodied too many high-sounding principles which, however desirable, were beyond the existing resources and organisation of most Asian States.—Reuters.

## Conditions for release of U.S. fliers

Aboard The Flying Arrow at Kobe, January 25. Captain David Jones of the freighter Flying Arrow said that Mr. Wong, Director of the Taitung Board for Military Control of Foreign Affairs for Civilians, told him that the two captured United States Marine fliers could be released very quickly if the United States would make a "proper" diplomatic request. (This apparently) would mean formal recognition of the Communist regime in China.

Captain Jones said the United States State Department asked him to try to arrange the release of the fliers, Master Sergeant Charles E. Bender and Chief Electrician William Smith.—Associated Press.

## BURGLARS HOLD UP DIPLOMAT

Paris, January 25. Two burglars held an American diplomat and his wife at bay with guns for five hours early today and then left with 5,000 French francs as loot.

Edward J. Krause, Assistant Commercial Attaché at the Paris Embassy, said the name robbers told them during the five-hour vigil that they had robbed the house five days before, taking \$200 worth of Mrs. Krause's jewelry.

One of the burglars, his face marked with a white handkerchief, kept Mr. and Mrs. Krause in their bedroom while his partner ransacked the house. They battered down several doors of an upstairs flat whose occupants were on holiday.

"They thought we were rich Americans, I guess," said Mrs. Krause.

The Krause home is an old mansion on the Boulevard Suchet in an exclusive residential district. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor once lived nearby.

The three Krause children, Merrily, 7, Marjorie, 6, and Ned, 16 months, did not wake during the hour of hammering on the upstairs doors with an iron bar.

Mr. Krause reported that the burglar frequently boasted about previous robberies.

He said he recently pulled off a job in which he and his partner got 25,000,000 francs.

The burglars did not take Mrs. Krause's engagement ring or a pearl brooch, a gift from Mr. Krause on their eighth wedding anniversary, on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

Washington, January 25. Ireland and the United States agreed today to raise the Legations in their respective capitals to the status of Embassies.—Reuters.

## Britain through Red spectacles

Moscow, January 25. Britain is not ruled by Parliament, according to the newspaper "Trud" in an article on the forthcoming general election.

"Affairs of state are conducted in the study offices of the Federation of British Industries, at secret meetings of Labour and Conservatives with representatives of the financial oligarchy."

"More than this, affairs are decided by directives received from shady offices on the other side of the ocean in New York and Washington."

"Trud" called the Labour election pamphlet, "Let Us Win Through Together," an "empty sounding declaration, a mixture of demagoguery and lies."—Associated Press.

## U.S. urged to keep conscription bill

Washington, January 25.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, urged Congress today to extend conscription to show the world that the United States intends to remain strong.

"Weakness invites aggression, direct or indirect and to remain free the nations of the free world must be strong, both economically and in terms of their defensive capabilities," he declared.

Mr. Acheson appeared before the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee to support the Administration's request for a three-year extension of the conscription law, due to expire next June.

The Committee has already heard military leaders plead for an extension as a form of insurance in the event of another war and as a spur to recruiting. Committee members have shown little enthusiasm for the proposal, though there has been talk of keeping selective service on a "stand-by" basis with a ban on drafting men unless Congress approves.

Mr. Acheson said that the Draft Law was needed to support America's foreign policy. Letting it die would be interpreted abroad as a slackening of American determination to stand as the principal defender against aggression.

"The fundamental objective of American foreign policy is the maintenance of world peace," he said.

"We have constantly worked within the framework of the United Nations to help develop adequate means of ensuring international peace and security. That peace is not yet more secure is no fault of the United Nations Organisation or of the United States," but is, traced directly to the record of obstructionism and intransigence of the USSR, a record with which you are completely familiar."—Reuters.

## TUC BAN ON COMMUNISTS

London, January 25.

The General Council of the Trade Union Congress decided today that no Communist will be allowed to sit on the National Committee which speaks for the 500 trade councils—the local federations of trades union branches.

Non-Communist be permitted to attend the annual conference of the trades councils as delegates.

With these new steps in their campaign against the Communists, the General Council plan to support for the Labour Party in the General Election campaign.

A special committee was formed to prepare a manifesto calling on trade unionists to vote for Labour.—Reuters.

## KORAN DISCOVERY

Amman, January 25.

Nasuh Taher, a student of ancient writings here, "discovered" a letter which certain chapters of the Koran begin.

Scholars said that his discovery was "near revolutionary in the history of Koranic interpretation." Taher believes that the letters, whose meaning has been obscure ever since, the sacred writings were revealed to the Prophet Mohammed 13 centuries ago, denote numbers and are the alphabetic equivalent of numerals.—Reuters.

## Italy to spend huge sums in Somaliland

Geneva, January 25.

Italy will spend 10,000,000 lire annually in administering the territory of Somaliland for 10 years under a United Nations trusteeship agreement, Signor Vittorio Corulli, Italian colonial expert, said today.

Corulli is attending the meeting of the UN Trusteeship Council in Geneva at which an agreement for the trusteeship will be concluded.

As soon as an agreement is reached, Italy will proceed to a provisional administration of her former colony until final approval is given by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Corulli briefly outlined Italy's task in Somaliland after Mohammed Jamil, Iraq delegate to the Trusteeship Council, warned that the Somalis must be protected against the "exploitation of their national patrimony until the Somalis become sovereign and can dispose of their property as they see fit."

"The Somalis are a poor people," Jamil said. "One rich Belgian or one rich American could buy all of Somaliland. Westerners could go there and turn Somaliland into a Western colony."

Corulli said the Somalis were nomads who "live on their stock and have a feeling that farmers are of a low type. They do not like to cultivate the land."

He added: "The main hope for the territory is in immigration of non-Somalis who will do some farming. Because of the climate, they must be Arabs. We always encouraged the immigration of Arabs from the Yemen, and it is the only way the country can be developed."

"It will cost us 10,000,000,000 lire annually to administer this territory, and I see no question of the exploitation of the poor by the rich."

### Frontier problem

Ethiopia, Italy and Britain must make firm arrangements now for the demarcation of the Ethiopian-Somal frontier, the "Manchester Guardian" said in a leading article, drawing attention to the present tentative plan under which nothing is to happen for at least a year.

Relations between Italian and Ethiopian delegates on Italy's return to Somaliland have been encouragingly friendly, and measures have been announced in Rome for the take-over, it said.

"But what is actually going to happen on the spot?" it asked, noting that the Eritrean disorders have not set a very inspiring example and that the complications of the Somali situation will need extraordinary careful handling.

Referring to Ethiopian opposition to the Italian return, it said: "The frontier itself unfortunately is nothing but a straight line on the map."

"If we are not to have a repetition of the Eritrean situation, it is most important that the boundary should at least be properly fixed," it said.

The matter of the Ogaden would also have to be very carefully managed, it said, noting how this corner of Abyssinia was first captured by the Italians, then taken over by the British, and, in 1949, partly given back to Ethiopia.

It posed the question: "Are the Italians going to take over the same areas at the hand-over, and if so, how are the Ethiopians and their supporters likely to react?"—Associated Press.

Naples, January 25.

The Royal Navy aircraft carrier Glory today anchored off Santa Lucia here. On board Glory is Vice-Admiral Douglas Pommant, in command of the Mediterranean Fleet Air Arm.—Reuters.

## YUGOSLAV DEMARCHE REJECTED

Bucharest, January 25.

According to the Rumanian News Agency, the Rumanian Government has rejected the Yugoslav note of December 18 last year in which the Yugoslav Government suggested the establishment of a mixed Rumanian-Yugoslav commission to liquidate frontier incidents.

At that time, in a note to the Rumanian Embassy at Belgrade, the Yugoslav Government also suggested the signing of a special frontier incident agreement to arbitrate future repetitions of incidents involving the two countries.

The Rumanian note, handed in on Tuesday at Bucharest, said that the Yugoslav Government is by this new move trying to hide the responsibility which it bears for these frontier incidents, which are repeated violations of the aerial space of Rumanian territory, as well as the continued sending of spies and saboteurs into the Rumanian Republic.

The Rumanian note said that these incidents are isolated acts, but part of the policy of the Yugoslav Government of provocation and espionage directed against the Rumanian Republic by the Yugoslav Government, which has placed itself in the service of the declared enemies of peace and democracy, the Anglo-American imperialists.

The Anglo-American Radio, the Press combines and the news agencies are continually distorting facts about the Soviet Union and the popular democracies, and the Yugoslav frontier incidents are only part of this general policy of the Anglo-American warmongers, the note said.—Associated Press.

## CANADA GIVES UP A RIGHT

Ottawa, January 25.

By her own wish, Canada is no longer officially considered the senior Dominion of the Commonwealth, the Canadian Press reported today.

The Government had signified that Canada felt the doctrine of complete equality among Commonwealth nations was not compatible either with the recognition of a Mother country or of seniority among sister countries, the agency said.

Another stage in the evolution of the Commonwealth, it meant that Canada had voluntarily surrendered any right to speak first among what have been known as the Dominions but which are now known formally among themselves as the members of the Commonwealth.

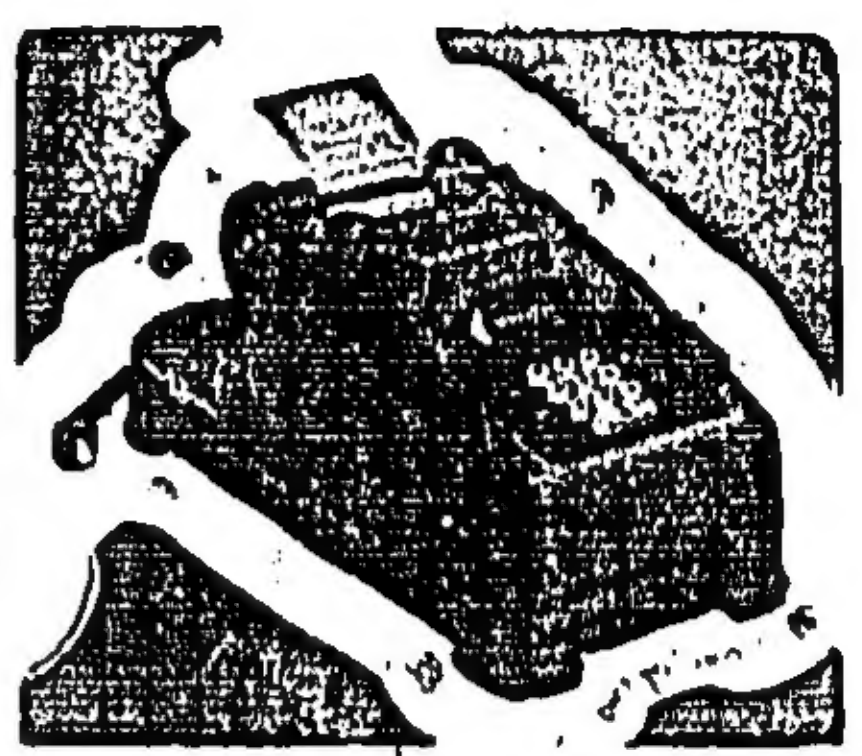
The country which now spoke first in a Commonwealth parley was the country with the most direct interest in the subject under discussion.

This approach had apparently found broad acceptance within the Commonwealth, particularly with the advent of three new members—India, Pakistan and Ceylon, the agency said.—Reuters.

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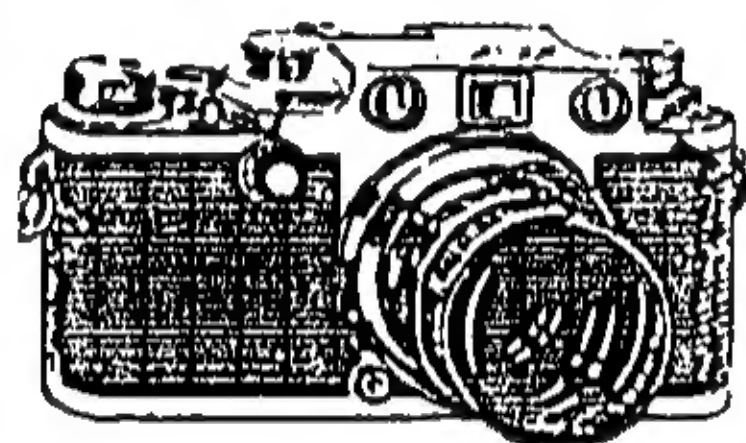
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G.A. and 12).KING'S MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT OF INDIA

London, January 25.

King George has sent the following message to India's first President, Dr. Prasad: "On the occasion of the inauguration of the Indian Republic I send you my warmest good wishes. May you and the people of India enjoy the full blessings of peace and prosperity in the years to come."

"The foundations of the Indian Republic within the Commonwealth have been well laid. I am confident that the strong ties of friendship which link our peoples will be maintained and that they will continue to work together steadfastly for the common good."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has sent the following message to Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister:

"On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom I send to you and your colleagues warmest wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the Indian people under the new Constitution. It is a source of satisfaction that the Republic is to continue to be a member of our Commonwealth of Nations."

"We look forward to the continuance of the closest and most friendly relations between our two countries."

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, has sent this message to India's Minister of External Affairs:

"On this historic day when India becomes a Republic within the Commonwealth of Nations I send you this message of greetings and goodwill. Today our hearts are full of affection for the people of India and of hope for the greatness of India's contribution to the progress and happiness of mankind."

## Pakistan hope

Hope that the inauguration tomorrow of the Indian Republic will mark the beginning of a new era of friendly co-operation and good neighbourly relations between India and Pakistan is expressed by Pakistan's Governor-General, Khwaja Nazimuddin.

He did so in a message of good wishes to Dr. Prasad.

Mr. Sean MacBride, Eire Foreign Minister, in a message to India, said that Ireland saluted the Republic of India with joy and thankfulness.

"I am able to utter these words knowing that an almost incredible achievement they would have represented to so many of our patriots of both countries who lived and died for freedom," he added.

"On the present joyful occasion it is appropriate for us to consider the progress which has been made."

"We, for our part, face problems not dissimilar to those confronting India, but in the magnitude of the problems and the potentialities which can be achieved the knowledge that your great Republic is undertaking similar tasks in a similar spirit to us is one that fortifies us with a sense of comradeship."

## Great role

"India is playing a great role in leadership among the free nations of Asia and we in Ireland, in a smaller but no less significant way, hope to play our part in the co-operative effort in Europe," he said.

Mr. John Costello, Prime Minister of Eire, sent a message to Pandit Nehru extending warmest congratulations and good wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the great country of India.

Ireland, he said, has always looked with special sympathy

and profound admiration on India's long arduous struggle towards independence and "we share today in your country's rejoicing."

Klement Gottwald, President of Czechoslovakia, cabling good wishes to Dr. Prasad, said, "I am convinced that the efforts of the people of India towards economic and cultural progress will bring them the development and prosperity they deserve."

Premier Antonin Zapotocky, in a message to Pandit Nehru, said, "I wish to express the warmest wishes of the Czechoslovak Government, while the Foreign Minister, Dr. Vlastislav Clementis, in another message, said, 'I wish Your Excellency much success in your future efforts and much success also for the people of India in their work of reconstruction.'"

## Liberal pledge

Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the British Liberal Party, told Reuters today, with reference to the birth of the Indian Republic, "We rejoice this day at the inauguration of this great Constitution."

"The task confronting the people of India is no formidable and no immense that it can be compared with the Himalayas."

"But man has conquered even those mighty mountains and can, with courage, overcome the great difficulties."

"We pledge ourselves to assist in every way we can the peoples of India and their chosen Government," Mr. Davies added.

Australian newspapers welcomed India's "rebirth" as a sovereign democratic Republic.

The Sydney "Daily Telegraph" said, "Australia welcomes the new Republic and is glad India has decided to remain in the worldwide Commonwealth partnership. India is basically a peasant country and the way ahead will be hard. But we can help her and we must help all we can."

The Sydney "Morning Herald" said, "With good wishes for the Indian Republic on this foundation day must go the hope that it will never have to repeat the folly of too much independence."

The "Melbourne Age" featured an article specially written by President Prasad, outlining "the Constitutional provisions for an independent, freedom-loving State."

## Celebrations in Delhi

A mile-long torch parade, in which portraits of Mahatma Gandhi waved above the heads of the throng, marched through the floodlit streets of Delhi to-night—the eve of the birth of the Indian Republic.

India's new Constitution—breaking the 92-year-old link with the British Crown—will come into force when the last Governor-General, Mr. Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, reads a proclamation in Durbar House, the Government House, tomorrow.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad will then be sworn in as the Republic's first President. He was unanimously elected by the Constituent Assembly yesterday.

The Crown on Government House and other State buildings, on State furniture, on the flags and crests and badges of the Armed Forces, has given place to the emblem of the new Republic—a replica of the ancient Asokan lion capital at Sarnath.

"New currency" notes to be issued tomorrow will likewise bear the Republican emblem, but no Crown. English will continue to be the official language of the Indian Union for a period of not more than 15 years, after which it will be replaced by Hindi.

The authors of the new Constitution have embodied Gandhi's ideals in the provisions for adult suffrage in a common, non-communal electorate and the abolition of "untouchability."

## 28 States

The Constitution proclaims India to be a sovereign, democratic Republic, and provides for a Parliamentary Government essentially federal in structure. From tomorrow India comprises 28 States and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The States include the pre-Republic "Governor" Provinces, the "Chief Commissioner" Provinces, and the "Chief Commissioner" Provinces. Elections under the new Con-

stitution may be held next winter. About 160,000,000 voters will be on the rolls, entitled to elect more than 4,500 members to the Central and State Legislatures.

Until the elections are held, the pre-Republic Legislatures will continue as the State Legislatures, and the Indian Constituent Assembly will function as the Union Parliament. The Constitution sets out the most elaborate declaration of fundamental rights yet framed by any State, guaranteeing rights to equality, freedom and freedom of religion, right against exploitation, cultural and educational right to property and right to constitutional remedies.

It also enumerates certain directive principles of State policy in the nature of moral precepts, including a requirement for State policy to be directed towards securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and to endeavour to promote international peace and security.—Reuter.

Singapore, January 25. A Chinese was killed and two wounded last night when handbills attacked a passenger train between Sedrak and Sayang in Johore State.—United Press.

Engine drops  
off clipper  
over the sea

San Francisco, January 25. Pan-American Airways reported today that the No. 4 engine fell from a Boeing Stratocruiser over the Pacific Ocean about 80 miles from Tokyo, but the clipper landed safely at Tokyo airport at 1:55 p.m. GMT.

The plane carried 10 civilian passengers, but nobody was injured. Pan-American Airways said the vertical stabilizer and fuselage near the galley were damaged.—United Press.

BRITONS KICKED  
OUT BY REDS

Rangoon, January 25. Burmese Communists have seized tin mines and rubber estates on the South East coast strip of Tenasserim and expelled the British managers, Burmese Press reports said.

The Communists escorted the Britons and their staffs to a point 10 miles from the large fishing port of Tavoy and ordered them to clear out of the neighbourhood, the reports said, adding that all were ordered to leave behind their mountain pens and wrist watches.

A Communist spokesman then told the mine and rubber workers: "The reign of capitalist countries has ended," the papers reported.—Associated Press.

Taiwan relying  
on sugar export  
to get exchange

Taipei, January 26.

First shipments abroad of 1950 Taiwan sugar have already started.

It is estimated that during the year, between 550,000 and 650,000 tons of locally produced sugar will be exported. This compares with 632,000 tons last year and 260,000 tons in 1948.

It will be shipped to Japan, Malaya, the Near East, Europe and South America. The British Ministry of Food has contracted through the British firm Swire and Macleane to take 60,000 tons. Another 100,000 tons has been sold direct to SCAP, Japan.

The importance of sugar to Taiwan may be gauged from the value involved. This year's exports should bring in the equivalent of approximately £25,000,000 of foreign exchange which is considerably more than the combined total of all other Taiwanese exports.

The bulk of the island's sugar industry is handled by the Taiwan Sugar Corporation, a concern of the Government's National Resources Commission.

Two grades of sugar are produced by the Corporation—white refined and a straw-coloured unrefined sugar.

To ensure the quality and condition of the sugar, the Corporation requested an old-established British firm, Tait and Co., Ltd., to set up an independent surveying organization at Taipei, a big port on the South West coast of the island.

All sugar is shipped from Tainan, where the dry, sunny weather is well suited for loading.

## Poor outlook

Most of the plantations are in the Southern part of Taiwan.

Half of the cane crop produced is owned by the Taiwan Sugar Corporation. The other half is grown by farmers who receive seedlings and fertilizer from the Corporation.

Although the industry will have no major worries this year, the outlook for the future is not bright.—Reuter.

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